

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
REGISTRATION SERVICE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE: 9/29/89

FULL NAME [REDACTED]
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

S.S. NO. _____

ADDRESS [REDACTED]

CITY Menlo Park STATE CA ZIP CODE 94025

DATE OF BIRTH _____ (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE [REDACTED] (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION _____ NATIONALITY (Citizen of) USA

OCCUPATION Blueprint Reader

EDUCATION _____

WEIGHT 300lbs + HEIGHT _____ RACE Caucasian

COLOR OF HAIR _____ COLOR OF EYES _____

ANY DISTINGUISHING PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS obese

HOBBIES OR SPECIAL INTERESTS seamanship

MARRIED ☐ SINGLE ☒ NAME OF SPOUSE _____

CHILDREN _____
(Name, number, ages, if possible)

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	POSITION	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Skipper		suspended May 16, 19

Chartered Organization Diesel Electric Sales

SPECIAL RECOGNITION _____

INCIDENT: TYPE 1 DATE OF INCIDENT 13 May 1989 RESOLUTION 2, 3, 5
Type Resolution

- 1-Scout Related
- 2-Non-scout related
- 3-homosexual (not specifically with youth)

- 1. Internal (only Scouts Know)
- 2. Criminal action
- 3. Court action
- 4. Probationary status
- 5. Reported to state agency

Check off list of attached documentation

- 1. Description of incident
- 2. Victim(s) statement **NOTED**
- 3. media reports
- 4. Legal proceedings **DEC 13 1989**
- 5. Offender's statement
- 6. Official notification
- 7. Found guilty/innocent by court

Council #20

Signed _____

SCOUT EXECUTIVE

DEC 11 1989

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TAX [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
PHONE LYNN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
May 17, 1975

The National Council
Boy Scouts of America

Gentlemen:

I have known [REDACTED] for twenty years.
I have had close association with him both in and out of
scouting and I have found him respectable, trustworthy and
responsible.

I have had two sons go through sea scouting under
[REDACTED] and they both speak highly of him and I believe
that both of my boys have benefited from their association
with him.

I highly recommend his participation in scouting to
help the youngsters therein.

Sincerely yours,

[Handwritten Signature]
[REDACTED]

Attorney for Defendant

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.)
[REDACTED])
Defendant.)

CASE NO. C-2249
ORDER TERMINATING PROBATION AND DISMISSING ACCUSATORY PLEADING PURSUANT TO PENAL CODE SECTIONS 1203.3 AND 1203.4

Upon good cause shown and there appearing no objection to the Probation Officer:

IT IS ORDERED that the probation previously granted the above named defendant, [REDACTED] OR., on the 11 day of May 1972 be terminated on the 24 day of September 1974, and the defendant discharged therefrom pursuant to Section 1203.3 of the Penal Code of the State of California.

Further, the defendant having fulfilled the conditions his probation for the entire period thereof;

IT IS ORDERED that the plea of guilty be set aside and plea of not guilty be entered and the accusatory pleading dismissed according to the provision of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code of the State of California.

Dated: September 24 1974

GERALD E. RAGAN
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

LAW OFFICES OF
DAVID H. DUFF, INC.
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ALWAYS
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Show Below Name of Correspondent
City, and Street, Apt., Suite, P.O. Box or R.O. No. (In care of)
Post Office, State, and Zip Code

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
SAN BRUNO, CA 94066

December 15, 1989

[REDACTED]
Scout Executive
San Mateo County Council, No. 20

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Dear Tim:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Ineligible Volunteer File.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED] Director
Registration Service

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cc: Western Region

READY TO FILE
DEC 15 1989
[REDACTED]

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SAN MATEO COUNTY COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
1300 S. AMPHLETT BLVD.
P.O. BOX 5005
SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA 94402 0005
415-341-5633

December 1, 1989

[REDACTED] Registration & Subscription
National Office, Boy Scouts of America
1325 Walnut Hill Lane, P.O. Box 152079
Irving, TX 75015-2079

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

[REDACTED]
I have enclosed two items relating to the [REDACTED] case. The first is the personal and confidential sheet on his most recent problem.

The second is a copy of some of the items from the original [REDACTED]. I understand that your records from this era do not exist. We recently found these in some archives.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me or [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Assistant Scout Executive
San Mateo County Council

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INTRAORGANIZATION COMMUNICATION

July 25, 1975

[REDACTED]
Scout Executive
San Mateo County Council, No. 20

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

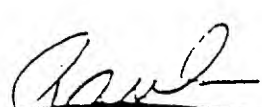
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Thank you for your letter of July 14 and the attached material in support of the registration of [REDACTED]. We have carefully checked all of these documents and are willing to register [REDACTED] a two-year probation period.

Each year we will write to you asking for a report on [REDACTED]'s service. This report will also be the deciding factor in our decision to remove the file completely.

We appreciate the careful documentation which was made in relation to this situation. We do feel, however, that we must always exercise careful judgment and, therefore, are asking that the two-year probationary period not be waived.

Sincerely,


[REDACTED]
Robert T. Ernst, Manager
Registration & Subscription Service

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
SAN MATEO COUNTY COUNCIL

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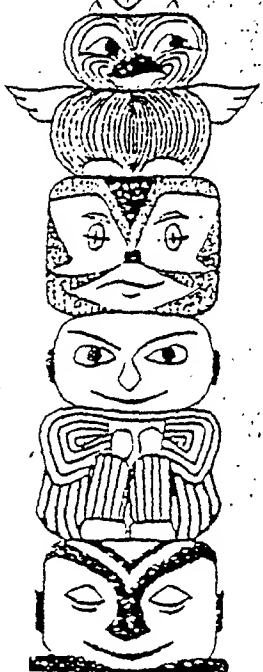
P. O. BOX 5005

SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA 94402

PHONE (415) 341-5633

SCOUTING CENTER LOCATED AT 1300 SOUTH BAYSHOP

July 14, 1975



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[REDACTED]
Director of Registration
Boy Scouts of America
North Brunswick, New Jersey 08902

[REDACTED]
R1 [REDACTED] is applying for registration as a
mate in [REDACTED] San Mateo County Council. He had been
placed on the restricted list several years ago before I
came here as Scout Executive.

The attached documents are in support of his
registering again with the Boy Scouts of America. His
application is also attached.

The pertinent document, I believe, is the affidavit
signed by Judge of the Superior Court Gerald E. Ragan,
in effect, dismissing case No. 2249.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Scout Executive

HPK:mmn
att

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San Mateo County, San Mateo
Santa Clara County, San Jose
Sequoia, Fresno
Silverado, Vallejo
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Southern Sierra, Bakersfield
Stanford Area, Palo Alto
Yosemite, Modesto

25 June 1975

[REDACTED]
614 Bay Road
Menlo Park, California 94025

Dear Commodore,

I understand that [REDACTED] applied for registration again in Sea Exploring. I am convinced that his acceptance is in the best interest of our program and I recommend that his application be approved.

If you have any questions regarding Dick, please make it a point to discuss them with me, perhaps at the next NCSEER meeting.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:

April 4, 1975

REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT
National Council, Boy Scouts of America
North Brunswick, New Jersey

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is an adult application for [REDACTED] and accompanying letters.

After thirteen years in the profession, I am well aware of the difficulty in registering an individual in this situation; however, as you can see by the letters, the parents of the unit, skippers in our Council, and Sea Explorer leaders of neighboring Councils desire to have him back.

During most of his absence he has continued to assist various units with programming, maintenance, technical assistance, and using his USCG license to pilot boats, both for the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

I feel his loss as a registered Scouter in our Council is having a direct bearing on our membership, program, and the formation of additional units.

I feel quite confident that no further problems will arise, and I trust you will see your way clear to reregister him.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
RODER [REDACTED]
Commodore,
San Mateo County Council

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Enclosure

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Boy Scouts of America

Dear Sir:

As Skipper of the Belmont [REDACTED] I wish to endorse the application of [REDACTED] as a mate in the Ship. I served as First Mate under his direction for two years. For the past three years I have relied heavily on his knowledge and capabilities to maintain the unit as a quality ship. I believe that it is time that his capabilities be allowed to be used directly.

During his long tenure as Mate and Skipper of [REDACTED] the ship was noted for the capabilities in regatta competition, the quality of their seamanship while cruising, and the quantity of young men that advanced through the ratings to obtain the Quartermaster Award. Since his departure the unit has decreased in numbers and while maintaining high standards has been unable to maintain previous performance levels. The ship wishes to obtain the stature of previous years and believes that [REDACTED] would be a valuable asset in achieving that goal.

A secondary reason is that my working assignment creates problems in cruising and participation in some Sea Explorer events. As neither of the other two mates are licensed operators, [REDACTED] as a Coast Guard licensed operator (Inland and Coastwise), would provide the additional capability for the ship to participate more effectively. Mr. Stenger also has a large store of knowledge in boat handling and maintenance that would be exceedingly useful to the unit.

Sincerely yours

[REDACTED]

Belmont Sea Scouts, Ship 161

Around the Courts

Leadwood City Tribune
March 2, 1972

Mistrial Declared In Child Molest Case

By DUANE SANDUL
Tribune Staff Writer

Superior court Judge Gerald Ragan yesterday declared a mistrial in the child molesting case against a 40-year-old skipper of a Belmont Sea Scout Ship.

The case, which involved a 12-year-old boy, San Carlos, was ordered to appear in court on March 11 when the jury will set a date for a new trial.

The six-man, six-woman jury was unable to reach a unanimous verdict after nearly two days of deliberation. The deadlock was eight for acquittal and four voting guilty. Judge Ragan said. The trial lasted four days.

During the trial, three young boys testified that they were molested during 1971. Harshness and straps which Stenger allegedly utilized to strap the children were entered into evidence, court clerk Jack Thomas said.

Defense attorney Angelo Prestarion of San Jose argued that Stenger made the harshness for the children for safety and other safety reasons.

Stenger was charged with three violations of penal code section 261.5 — lewd and lascivious conduct directed toward some one under the age of 14.

San Carlos police cadet [redacted] indicated in his report that Stenger's activities may go back as far as 18 years ago.

According to police reports, Stenger took some of the boys for boat rides, apparently not in connection with the Belmont Sea Scout Ship, where some of the alleged incidents of molesting took place. Stenger was released on \$1,000 bail.

Around the Courts

Ex-Sea Scout Skipper Guilty

By LEIF ERICKSON
Associated Press Writer

Charges of child molesting were dropped yesterday against former Belmont Sea Scout skipper [REDACTED] after he pleaded guilty to a lesser charge.

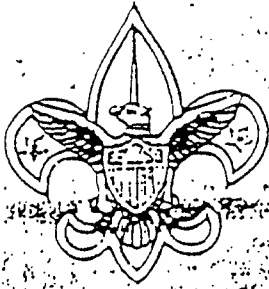
[REDACTED] San Carlos electronics technician, pleaded guilty to contributing to the delinquency of a minor. The molest charges were dismissed by Superior Court Judge W. Howard Hartley.

The former Sea Scout leader was accused of molesting one 12-year-old boy and two nine-year-olds when he was arrested last Dec. 23, following complaints from the youth's parents.

A jury which heard the original molest trial last month was deadlocked, unable to reach a unanimous decision of guilt or innocence. A new trial could have been requested by Dist. Atty. Keith C. Sorenson.

His deputy, John O'Leary, told Hartley that in negotiat-

ing a new charge and plea, Stenger was assured he would not be imprisoned, jailed or considered a mentally disordered sex offender on the condition he maintain psychiatric assistance. The judge set formal sentencing for May 11 at 9 a.m.



SAN MATEO COUNTY COUNCIL

March 17, 1972

ALBERT J. HORN

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Registration and Membership
National Council, BSA
North Brunswick, New Jersey
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Attached newspaper article re [REDACTED] for your

Jury Trial For Scouter

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attach
Trial of [REDACTED]
40, a former Sea Scout leader
accused of three felony counts
of child molesting, began Mon-
day before a jury of six men
and six women in the court of
Superior Judge Gerald E. Ra-
gan.

[REDACTED] a San Carlos elec-
tronics technician, was arrested
December 23 by San Carlos po-
lice following a complaint by
three boys, one age 9 and two
age 12, concerning the defend-
ant's asserted activities.

One of the 12-year-old youths
was testifying today, and the
other two also are scheduled to
be witnesses.

Deputy District Attorney John
O'Leary is prosecuting the case,
expected to continue through
this week. [REDACTED] de-
fended [REDACTED] rino, a
San Jose attorney.

Scout Executive



INTRAORGANIZATION COMMUNICATION

March 10, 1972

[REDACTED]
Scout Executive
San Mateo County Council, No. 20

Personal and Confidential
Re: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]:

In our January 6th letter concerning [REDACTED] requested a copy of his court case. To date we have not heard from you. If a verdict has been reached we would appreciate a copy to complete our records.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst
[REDACTED] Supervisor
Registration and Membership

vs

3-13-72

Dear Paul -

Relative to our [REDACTED] [REDACTED] your letter above, [REDACTED] has pleaded "not guilty" and has an upcoming trial date. We shall keep you informed.

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Tom Moore
[REDACTED]
Scout Executive



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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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January 24, 1972

Mr. [REDACTED]
Scout Executive
San Mateo County Council, No. 20

Personal and Confidential
[REDACTED] Stanger

De [REDACTED]

Thank you for the confidential record sheet concerning [REDACTED]
and the enclosed copy of his resignation. We have added this information
to our file. This will be most helpful for identification purposes
in the future, should he again try to register in Scouting.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst
[REDACTED] Supervisor
Registration and Membership

vs

REGISTRATION AND FULFILLMENT SERVICE

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE January 18, 1972FULL NAME [REDACTED]

(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS [REDACTED]CITY [REDACTED]STATE CaliforniaZIP CODE 94070AGE [REDACTED]

(This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE [REDACTED]

(To be used ONLY when exact age is not known)

RELIGION ProtestantNATIONALITY USA CaucasianOCCUPATION Electrical Engineer AssistantEDUCATION UnknownWEIGHT 250COLOR WhiteHEIGHT 5'10"COLOR OF HAIR BrownCOLOR OF EYES BrownOUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS Organ repairing and modelingMARRIED OR SINGLE SingleCHILDREN None

(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

WIFE'S NAME [REDACTED]

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT # [REDACTED]CITY [REDACTED]STATE [REDACTED]OFFICE [REDACTED]DATE REGISTERED [REDACTED]DATE RESIGNED [REDACTED]

Skipper

Mar. '55 to Apr. '71

12-27-

SPECIAL RECOGNITION [REDACTED]

(See Attachment)

RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIDENTIAL FILE FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

Child molesting as previously reported. Preliminary hearing held in Municipal Court, January 14, 1972. Remanded to Superior Court for trial, February 2, 1972.

Signed [REDACTED]Council [REDACTED]

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Judge Connel Chambers.

old car
cornish

~~_____~~ said he would
be pleased to attend. Police
think someone should attend
from here.

(Signature)

nationality - USM Caucasian

Eng'g Assistant

hair white

HEIGHT 5'10

eyes BRN

repairing & modding

children - None to speak of

Registration 3/1955 to 4/1972

5-161 Belmont.

1978

del
F
cornish

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Religion - PROT

Nationality - USA Caucasian

Occupation - ELECTRICAL Eng'g ASSISTANT

Education - unknown

Weight 250

Color white

Height 5'10

Hair BRN

Eyes BRN

Outstanding interests - organ repairing & modeling

Single

Children - None to speak of

Registration 3/1955 to 4/1972

5-161 Belmont.

INTRAORGANIZATION COMMUNICATION

January 6, 1972

[REDACTED]
Scout Executive

San Mateo County Council, No. 20

Personal and Confidential

Re: [REDACTED] C. Stenger Jr.
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Thank you for your letter of December 27th and the newspaper clipping concerning [REDACTED]. This is exactly the type of material we require for our Confidential File and we appreciate your efforts in getting them to us.

Enclosed is a confidential record sheet which we would like filled out and returned as soon as possible, together with a copy of the results of his court case. This information will enable us to identify [REDACTED] should he ever again attempt to register in the Scouting program.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Supervisor
Registration and Membership

vs
Enc: Record Sheet

Dear members and council [REDACTED]

The recent local difficulties that I have had leaves me with no choice but to resign immediately from scouting and [REDACTED]

As most of you well know, I would rather lose an arm or a leg than to leave this wonderful area. In particular it pains me to cover this part of my life. I have been carried to completion the project of the new vessel to replace the "Marion J. Payne".

In retrospect, however, I can now see that almost twenty years of concentrated involvement, five of them as skipper, are more than should be expected of one man. When I have sailed myself away, I will be doing my utmost to establish myself as a respected businessman, with other involvements kept to a minimum.

I have every confidence that with the help of such experienced friends of the ship as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the future of the ship will be in good hands. I hope that they will be able to re-enlist a number of ship's alumni that might be holding off until just such a need has occurred.

The memories of the good times I have shared with you will always be with me and I thank all of you for this priceless gift.

Very sincerely,

[REDACTED]

cc: [REDACTED] Mateo County Council, Boy Scouts of America
[REDACTED] Commodore
[REDACTED] tz, Belmont Kiwanis Club
[REDACTED] Regional Commodore

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SCOUTING CENTER LOCATED AT 1300 SOUTH BAYSHC

December 27, 1971

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TO: [REDACTED] Registrar
[REDACTED] Exploring Executive

FROM: The [REDACTED], Scout Executive

By action of the [REDACTED] of this date
[REDACTED] removed as [REDACTED] and
his plate is to be removed from the unit leader file.
[REDACTED] assumes the role of
Skipper.

This action is being taken pending disposition of child
molesting charges against [REDACTED] at time of his
scheduled appearance in Southern District Municipal Court
on January 4, 1972.

TEM:db

cc: [REDACTED] Regional Executive
Membership Services, National Council, BSA

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Peninsula News

Sea Scout Leader Held For Molesting

A San Carlos electronic technician and former Sea Scout leader was arrested last night on a felony charge of child molesting after three young boys told police he had enticed them into his home on frequent occasions during the past year.

[REDACTED] 027
[REDACTED] and all county jail and later released on \$1,250 bail to appear January 1 at 9 a.m. in Southern District Municipal Court.

Detectives began an investigation after the boys, two age 11 and one age 9, told Police Cadet Randy Evans, a friend of the family of one of the victims, about Stenger's alleged activities.

One of the boys related that on one occasion he accompanied Stenger on a houseboat and was chained to a bed, investigators report. Another boy said he was chained to a chair in Stenger's home for disobedience.

Police Detective Tom Howers reported that investigators obtained a search warrant and found a quantity of harnesses, straps, chains, restraints and photographs in Stenger's home.

Sea Scout Skipper Faces Three Charges Of Child Molesting

The 40-year-old skipper of [redacted] Belmont has been arrested on three counts of child molesting that allegedly have taken place during the past year.

[redacted] Jr., of [redacted] San Carlos, an electronics technician for a Menlo Park firm, posted bail of \$1,250 and was released from San Mateo County Jail following his arrest shortly after 5 p.m. Thursday.

He was arrested on a warrant issued by Municipal Court Judge Roy Seagraves,

who also issued the search warrant. San Carlos police used to confiscate ropes, chains, harnesses and other paraphernalia that he allegedly used in connection with his victims. Police said the ropes, chains and harnesses were used to restrain his victims, but not for sadistic purposes.

Stenger is charged with three violations of Penal Code Section 263, lewd and lascivious conduct directed toward some one under the age of 14.

According to San Carlos police, Stenger's most recent victims were two 11-year-old boys and one nine-year-old boy, but San Carlos Police Cadet Randy Evans, who did the initial sleuthing in the case, indicated in his report that Stenger's activities may go back as far as 10 years ago.

Evans said he first heard stories six months ago from some of the neighborhood children, but first dismissed them as a joke. He later began to take them seriously, however, and contacted Officer George Donlon, who aided in the investigation that led to the search and arrest warrants.

According to police, Stenger took some of the boys for boat rides, apparently not in connection with the Belmont Sea Scouts, where some of the alleged incidents of molesting took place.

Three Hurt In Crash At Roadside

Three Peninsula men were injured late yesterday afternoon when a car driven by one of them slammed into the other two as they were changing a tire on their car alongside Bayshore Freeway in San Mateo.

California Highway Patrolmen said John Watson, 31, of 2133 Oakley Ave., Menlo Park, was knocked 30 feet when his disabled car was struck by the car driven by Lemuel Williams, 47, of 288 Pulgas Ave., East Palo Alto.

Watson was admitted to the intensive care unit at the county's Chope Community Hospital in San Mateo, for treatment of multiple injuries, according to a hospital spokesman.

Williams and Watson's companion, Rodney Jacobson, 21, of 453 Upland Road, Redwood City, were treated for cuts and released from the hospital.

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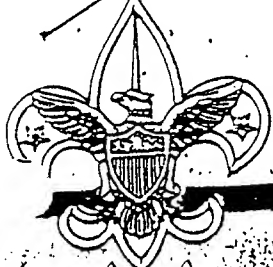


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852 Walnut • Redwood City
(Near Main & Broadway)

Dec 27

[REDACTED]
After speaking to [REDACTED] Swartz, the IR
for the [REDACTED], he will be sending
you a letter concerning their club's action
towards the suspension of [REDACTED] as
skipped until the matter is resolved.
[REDACTED] will be in charge for the
future meetings and cruises.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
SAN MATEO COUNTY COUNCIL

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P. O. BOX 5005

SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA 94402

PHONE (415) 341-5613

SCOUTING CENTER LOCATED AT 1300 SOUTH BAYSHC

December 27, 1971

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TO: [REDACTED], Registrar
[REDACTED], Exploring Executive

FROM: [REDACTED], Scout Executive

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Membership Services, National Council, BSA

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Dec. 24, 1971 *** The Times San Mateo 25

Peninsula News

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Detectives began an investigation after the boys, two age 11 and one age 9, told Police Cadet Randy Evans, a friend of the family of one of the victims, about Stenger's alleged activities.

One of the boys related that on one occasion he accompanied [REDACTED] on a houseboat and was [REDACTED] to a bed, investigators report. Another boy said he was chained to a chair in Stenger's home for disobedience.

Police Detective Tom Howers reported that investigators obtained a search warrant and found a quantity of harnesses, straps, chains, restraints and photographs in Stenger's home.

Sea Scout Skipper Faces Three Charges Of Child Molesting

The 40-year-old skipper of [redacted] Belmont [redacted] has been arrested on three counts of child molesting that allegedly have taken place during the past year.

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Three Hurt In Crash At Roadside

Three Peninsula men were injured late yesterday afternoon when a car driven by one of them slammed into the other two as they were changing a tire on their car alongside Bayshore Freeway in San Mateo.

California Highway Patrolmen said John Watson, 31, of 2131 Oakley Ave., Menlo Park, was knocked 40 feet when his disabled car was struck by the car driven by Lemuel Williams, 47, of 263 Pulgas Ave., East Palo Alto.

Watson was admitted to the intensive care unit at the county's Chope Community Hospital in San Mateo, for treatment of multiple injuries, according to a hospital spokeswoman.

Williams and Watson's companion, Rodney Jacobson, 21, of 463 Upland Road, Redwood City, were treated for cuts and released from the hospital.

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TO ~~W. H. M.~~ [REDACTED]

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OF SC Police Dept.

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Please call ☒

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Returned your call ☐

MESSAGE: W. H. M. be back in office
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Evans report also noted that [redacted] Sea Scouts he talked with had noticed [redacted] Stenger's peculiar behavior toward some of the Scouts and one indicated he quit the unit because

September 27, 1989

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[REDACTED]
Scout Executive
San Mateo County Council, No. 20

JULIE EATON

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
I am enclosing a Confidential Record Sheet which I would like to have completed, so we can identify [REDACTED] should he attempt to register in some other location. We certainly need to keep him on our Confidential File at this time, and not allow him to ever register again with the Boy Scouts of America. Please complete this form with as much information as you have available.

If any other newspaper clippings are available related to the legal action, we would like these also. We have the early statements where he was arrested for child molestation. If the trial has been completed, we would like the outcome of the legal action and any sentencing which might have occurred.

Thanks for your help in completing this file.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED] Director
Registration Service

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cc: Western Region

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VANDALS

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Vandals hit man accused of molestation

By Zoe Francis
and Michael McGuire
Times Tribune Staff

Neighbors of a Menlo Park man charged with molesting children want him out of the neighborhood and in police custody.

More than 10 neighbors signed a petition urging he be kept in jail until his trial. He is free on bail until his June 21 arraignment.

"I think we're safer if he's in jail. I think he's safer," one neighbor said.

The man, who lives on Gilbert Avenue, has been vandalized since his arrest last week. Windows have been broken and eggs have been thrown against the house.

The man is charged last week with molesting two 11-year-old boys with lascivious acts with children and false imprisonment.

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ment of a 12-year-old boy. Charges stem from an incident in which the man allegedly used a harness to strangle the boy to a bed and derived pleasure by watching him struggle to get free, Redwood City police said.

The man, who lives with the Sea Scouts, a national organization of the Boy Scouts of America. It was on the Scout boat docked in Redwood City, where the alleged incident occurred early this month.

Scout officials, who turned the man over to police, suspended his membership.

The man is fully in 1972 to contributing to the delinquency of a minor, court records show. He originally had been charged with three counts of child molestation, according to court records. A trial on those charges ended in a hung jury.

The man is used to comment Tuesday on current or past charges.

"I don't think the media's the correct place to try this thing," he said. "I think the fair side eventually will come out."

He confirmed he had been involved with Scouting for about 30 years. He was out of the program for three years, around the time of the 1972 case, he said.

The man, executive director of the Boy Scouts' San Mateo County chapter, said he will check into whether he is allowed to be a Scout leader after the 1972 conviction.

"I want to know, personally, how about, how this was allowed to happen," he said. "The way we do business now, I think we would not be allowed to participate (in Scouting)."

The man was released from probation in 1974 after serving more than two years of his four-year sentence. In 1975, he was allowed to be Scout leader

again.

"I know that happened or how the decision was made 15 years ago, I don't know," he said.

One man who has worked with the Sea Scout program for the past 19 years said Stenger's past criminal case was well known in San Mateo County.

"Side comments were made about him and his past," said the man, who requested anonymity.

The man said he and other Scout leaders took no action against Stenger after he was readmitted to the Scout program.

"We missed the questions, but we felt that it was due to his responsibility," the man said.

The man said members of community groups who recommend people to be Scout leaders also bore some responsibility.

But the man said he "incredibly knowledgeable" about boondling and had created strong Sea Scout programs.

In the recent case, police have seized dozens of photographs of young boys in various restraint devices, Detective Ron Matuzak said. The boys often are scantily clad, but none are completely naked.

"He admitted that he's placed these restraints on these boys," he said. "But he says he didn't do it to harm them."

In the alleged incidents, the man reportedly never touches the boys' genitals or committed any sexual acts in front of them, Matuzak said.

Police also seized several short stories written by the man, Matuzak said. The essays describe sexual assaults on young boys and describe how boys involved in various sexual acts.

As police continue to delve into the man's alleged activities, they have found the list of potential victims to be enormous. One man claimed he was involved with the man in 1958.

"We're probably going to go back (thorough) 10 years" of rosters containing the names of Scouts in San Mateo County, said Redwood City police Detective Steve Swartzel.

Stenger

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He had been accused of tying up three young boys in his San Carlos home and fondling them, but the charges were dropped when a mistrial was declared because of a hung jury.

[redacted] pleaded guilty to the lesser charge and was suspended from Scouting for several years.

Boy Scout executive [redacted] man, who has been on the job only one year, disputes allegations that he knew Stenger was a risk to the Sea Scouts he supervised.

"I knew he had a problem. I had no idea of the depth of the problem," [redacted] said Wednesday.

"I don't buy they had no due," responded Detective Ron Matuszak of the Redwood City Police Department.

Screening procedures have been changed so that prospective Scout leaders now are asked to disclose if they have a criminal past, [redacted] is noted.

[redacted] said he has asked for an internal review of how and why Stenger was re-instated.

[redacted] merged into the spotlight last week when Redwood City police arrested him on charges of trussing up an 11-year-old boy during an overnight stay aboard a Sea Scout boat docked at the city marina.

They said the panting [redacted] did not molest the tied-up youth or his two companions, but one of the boys reported the incident anyway.

Redwood City police said nearly 20 boys or their parents have called to say [redacted] may have molested them over the past 30 years.

When police arrested [redacted] they found a home filled with harnesses, groin cloths, pictures and drawings of young boys in bondage and a trussed-up mannequin.

Redwood City Detective Steven Switzer said Wednesday that one 24-year-old man came in to the station that morning to report a problem with Stenger. [redacted] allegedly had aboard an excursion on San Francisco Bay 12 years ago.

The man said Stenger used him into the water and nearly let him drown when he refused to

don a G-string. Switzer said. On board was another young boy who did put on the apparel, the man reportedly told Switzer.

"He told his father and his father wouldn't believe him," Switzer said.

Police this week were interviewing past and present Sea Scouts to determine how many of them may have been molested.

They reportedly are concentrating on cases that may have occurred in the past six years, before the statute of limitations would have run out.

Deputy District Attorney Susan Griffin said she will review the case within the next week to determine what, if any, charges would be filed.

[redacted] told The Times on Monday that the boys were not lying about the recent incident in Redwood City, has been released on \$15,000 bail.

He has been charged with felony child imprisonment, child annoyance and molestation.

Sea Scout parent [redacted] of South San Francisco said she hoped this investigation will not overshadow the good work of the other Sea Scout units in San Mateo County.

Nearly 500 Sea Scouts from throughout Northern California will be gathering at Coast Guard Island in the bay for the 37th annual Ancient Mariner Regatta, including those from [redacted] former unit.

"While this investigation is going on, it should not take away from the regatta," [redacted] said. "We need to have equal time."

[redacted] reportedly has been harassed by some of his neighbors who allegedly want him to move out. His home has been the target of vandals, police said.

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Arrested in molest case

By Stanton Samson
OF THE EXAMINER STAFF

REDWOOD CITY - A veteran San Mateo County Boy Scout leader who in 1971 admitted to lewd acts with three minor boys has been charged with molesting a 11-year-old boy aboard the Sea Scout boat "Griffin."

Redwood City police said 58-year-old [REDACTED] of Menlo Park, was booked into the county jail on charges of false imprisonment, child annoyance and child molestation.

The suspect, an electronics worker, was arrested Thursday. He's scheduled for arraignment at 1:30 p.m. Monday in Municipal Court.

The alleged incident occurred during a sleep-over May 6 by three

boys and the suspect while the Griffin was docked at Redwood City Marina.

According to Detective Ron Mataszak, the alleged victim was sleeping below deck in a bunk when [REDACTED] attached a harness restraint between his legs, around the torso area and head. He used small padlocks to keep him in the restraint, which was anchored to the bunk.

The two other scouts on board told police the 5-foot-10, 120-pound [REDACTED] attacked the boy struggle to get out of the harness for about 15 minutes before releasing him.

Police learned of the alleged molestation from [REDACTED] an ex-

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convicted with the San Mateo County
Council of Boy Scouts.

"I was told by the boyfriend of a
single mom whose son was aboard
the boat that something may have
happened, and I immediately went
to the police," Gorman said Friday.

Screening for volunteers

In recent years, the screening
process for potential volunteers has
been largely up to the private or-
ganizations sponsoring scout units,
[REDACTED] said. The sponsor asks an
applicant to provide references and
then is responsible for checking
them, he said.

[REDACTED] teen
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[REDACTED] the organization since 1971, al-
though "not continuously." He said
he did not know [REDACTED] refer-
ences had been checked when he
became a volunteer.

He declined comment as to
whether the Scout Council was
aware of the 1971 molestation
charges 17 years ago.

[REDACTED] Council
has a longstanding policy that there
must be at least two boys and two
adults at any scouting function.

[REDACTED] that an-
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posed to be there. We have a very
good system in place to prevent
something like this, but nothing is
foolproof. This got by [REDACTED]
said.

Earlier accusation

Court records show [REDACTED]
ger, who is single, was accused in
1971 of sexually molesting three
minors while living in San Carlos.

After a guilty plea, he received
four years' probation, was ordered
not to associate with anyone under
18 and was told to participate in
"psychotherapy as long as the pro-
bation officer feels it necessary."
He also was fined \$500.

Police said that when they
searched [REDACTED] last week,
they found a harness with straps,
hundreds of photographs and
drawings of juveniles in bondage,
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More than 500 women have

been helped by their fellow

seniors in the five years since

the program was begun.

"We're helping keep a lot of

the frail elderly out of

institutions and in their

homes," said community

harrison Mary Retallick.

There is no charge for the

service, which is funded

through an \$30,000 grant from

San Mateo County.

Goff, who has been retired

10 years, learned about the

program through the Pacific

Senior Center.

"I just didn't have enough to

do," she said. "(Now) this is

the best thing I do, the

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Photo by John Orsini

Volunteer counselor Roso Goff

in reader arrested — sex case

hundreds of photos of child pornography, Det. Ron Matuszak said today.

Vol. Richard Charles Scott, 36, 509

employed as an electronics supplier

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San Mateo County jail at Red-

wood City.

He is facing charges of felony

false imprisonment, child

annoyance and molestation,

Matuszak said, and probably will

be arraigned Monday in San Mateo County Municipal Court. The molestation charge involves the photos found in the house, police said.

The tip leading to the arrest

came from Boy Scout officials,

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in San Mateo in 1974

Investigators are trying to identify the children in the pictures they came from, some of whom report are as young as 6 years old.

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overnight trip May 6 at the Red-

wood City Marina, police said.

After the boys were asleep he

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he watched the child struggle for 15 minutes and then rebuked him," Matuszak said, adding there was no evidence the boy was sexually assaulted.

The San Mateo County Boy Scouts office received a tip about the incident last week after one of the boys complained to a babysitter, a spokesman said.

Redwood City police obtained ~~an~~ warrant and arrested ~~him~~ at 6 p.m. Thursday.

"The house was bizarre — like it had never been cleaned," **McIntosh** said. "It also contained more than two dozen restraint devices and a mannequin that had been **shot**," police said.

...told them he "gained satisfaction" watching young boys struggle in restraints, police said.

He also said he had been chained in his backyard by his parents as a child, Det. Sullivan said.

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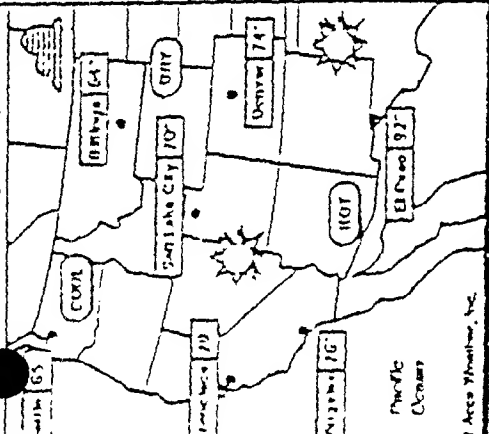
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The said troops had come from outside Beijing to restore order. However, both Yang and Li said the action was not directed

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“Pinch” forecast for Saturday



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Switzer said. The court convicted of four counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, given a four-year probation, a \$500 fine and ordered not to associate socially with anyone under the age of 18 without court approval.

A spokesman for San Mateo County Boy Scouts said they are deeply concerned about the arrest.

"The Boy Scouts are the ones who suspected there was a problem," said the spokesman, who requested anonymity.

He had no explanation for what kind of check was done, **Wendell** said the current practice requires that a "thorough" review be made.

"We knew there was a problem with Stenger but we didn't know exactly what it was," the spokesman said.

The boys involved will be getting counseling. If they need it, he said, and ~~they have~~ been banned from scouting, pending the outcome of this most recent arrest.

"We're in the business of character building — this is just devastating," he said of the charges.

Li described the situation in Beijing as "anarchic and chaotic."

"We have been reasonable for more than one month. In the world there's no government like that," he said. "The Communist Party will resolutely deal with all turmoil and not allow it to interfere with society."

It claimed that "a handful of persons" seeking to overthrow the government "are using the lives of strikers as hostages to force the city and the state to meet their demands."

Senior

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Once a week she meets with a woman in her 80s who has been depressed for several years and lives alone.

"She had locked people out for a number of years," Goff said. "She has a lot of family and friends, but you can't always tell your friends the things deep down."

"She controls everything when we talk. I'm just there. Peer counselors participate in three months of training for six hours a week.

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Sexual assault charges facing Menlo Park man

By Michael Shapiro
Times Tribune Staff

Redwood City police are searching for other possible victims of a veteran boy scout leader arrested this week for allegedly sexually assaulting young scouts.

~~_____~~ of Menlo
County's Main Jail on charges of
lewd and lascivious acts with chil-
dren and annoying children.

He also was charged with false imprisonment for a May 6 incident in which he allegedly used a harness to strap a 12-year-old boy to his bed.

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Three boy scouts told police that
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bed with three padlocks in the har-
ness and watched as the boy tried
to free himself, Matuszak said.

One of the three boys said
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upper thigh.

After receiving a tip from the
Boy Scouts of America, police ob-
tained a search warrant for
~~_____~~ Avenue
in Menlo Park.

They found 30 to 40 restraint de-
vices, more than 100 drawings of
children in bondage, and a Polar-
oid photo of a blindfolded boy esti-
mated to be 8 years old, who was
tied to a ~~_____~~

Police also found fantasy stories
of children in bondage and "moun-
tains of ~~_____~~,"
adding that hundreds of porno-
graphic photographs from magazines
littered the apartment.

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pervisor for the past 30 years and
recently has been a "scout master"
of the Sea Scouts program, Matus-
zak said.

Anyone with information on
other possible incidents of molesta-
tion is asked to call the Redwood
City Police Department at 780-
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Scoutmaster held in molestation

Menlo Park man accused of lewd, lascivious acts with children

San Mateo County
Staff Writer

A 40-year-old Scoutmaster from Menlo Park has been charged with child molestation for allegedly padlocking a Sea Scout into a harness during an overnight trip on a Thursday.

[redacted] weighs 320 pounds and stands 5-foot-6, allegedly lashed three boys, ages 10, 12 and 14, to the cabin and asked: "Who's going to be the guinea pig tonight?"

Stenger selected one of the boys and fas-

tened him into the harness in front of the others, Detective Ron Matuszak said. The boy dangled in the air for 15 minutes, he said.

During an interview after his arrest on Thursday, [redacted] told police that harnesses had been an obsession for him ever since his father had similarly bound him at age 4.

Officials from the San Mateo County Council of Boy Scouts of America reported Stenger, a Scout leader for almost 20 years, to the police Monday. The officials learned of his alleged activities from a man whose girlfriend's son was aboard the boat.

"This isn't in the handbook," one of the youngsters, a new Boy Scout, told police.

[redacted], 40, of the San Mateo County Jail has been charged with false imprisonment, annoying children, and lewd and lascivious acts with children. He is scheduled to be arraigned Monday.

Police shattered the door to his two-bedroom home Thursday, after he refused to allow them inside. A mound of trash toppled over in one room and human excrement was found on the den rug, Matuszak said. All the blinds were shut and dust covered the furnishings in the house, where [redacted] has lived for 17 years.

Another room was filled with leather and nylon harnesses, chastity belts and sketches.

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MEMORANDUM

TO:

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FROM:

[REDACTED]
Scout Executive
San Mateo, California

On Monday, May 15, 1989, an incident of child abuse was reported to the San Mateo County Council. I immediately met with the individual in question and suspended his registration. I then contacted the police who began their investigation.

The accompanying newspaper articles are essentially correct and will give you the details. Obviously my concerns, in addition to the harm to the boys, center around the fact that this individual's membership was previously suspended in 1971 for the same reasons it is being suspended now. In 1975, this individual was allowed to re-register.

The one error I see in the newspapers is the anonymous source who claims to know that "Scouting officials" were fully informed of the man's past. I was told shortly after assuming this position in September of 1988, that the gentleman had had a problem in the early '70's after tying a boy to the mast of his Sea Scout ship. I believe this is the same information that my predecessor had.

I'd be happy to accept suggestions or advice on the next steps to take.

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Scouts 'devastated' by molest charges

By Zoe Francis
Times Tribune staff

A San Scout leader charged last week with child molestation is under investigation for similar incidents dating back more than 30 years, Redwood City police said Monday.

Menlo Park Police Officer [redacted] charged with lewd and lascivious acts with children and false imprisonment of a 12-year-old boy. His arraignment has been set for June 21.

Since [redacted] at least six people have called Redwood City police alleging they also were molested by Stenger, said Lt. Bill Pratt. One man said Stenger allegedly molested him in 1956.

Police will interview callers to confirm their allegations. [redacted] Stenger for the San Mateo-based San Scouts, said Scout executive [redacted]. It is a branch of the San Mateo Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

"I feel very bad for the young men involved, for their families, for the Boy Scout program," Gorham said. "When something like this happens, it has a devastating effect." [redacted] house Monday, refused to comment.

[redacted] in the recent years [redacted] have heightened standards for choosing troop leaders. The new standards include always having at least two leaders present

will [redacted] did not say if [redacted] her police. If Stenger has been a Scout leader, [redacted] said, he would have filled out an application more than 30 years ago when the screening process was less strict.

Stenger was involved with the Scouts. Local records go back to 1971, he said.

Court records show [redacted] pleaded guilty in April 1972 to contributing to the delinquency of a minor. He originally had been charged with three counts of child molestation, according to San Mateo County Superior Court records.

In the 1972 case, three San Carlos boys — two 11-year-olds and one 9-year-old — were allegedly molested by Stenger at his former residence, San Carlos residence, records show.

Stenger allegedly put the children in harnesses and chained one boy to a bed, records show. The boys testified in a preliminary hearing in early 1972 that they had been fondled by Stenger.

Evidence seized by police in the 1972 case included leather harnesses, chains, a book about pedophilia and pornographic magazines, records show.

[redacted] and served more than two years of his four-year sentence. Please see SCOUTS, A-3



Times Tribune file photo

San Scout leader [redacted] to Park is free on bail after being charged with lewd and lascivious acts with children and false imprisonment of a 12-year-old boy.

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year probation sentence, records show.

In the most recent case, police seized from [redacted] several restraint devices, drawings of children in bondage and a photo of a blindfolded boy tied to a bed, police said.

Police got a search warrant for [redacted] after being tipped by Boy Scout officials.

[redacted] allegedly used a harness to strap a 12-year-old boy to a bed, police said. Police said [redacted] apparently enjoyed watching the boy try to free himself, police said. The alleged incident happened on the Sea Scout boat, docked in Redwood City.

The Scouts found out about the alleged incident from one of the two boys who witnessed it, said [redacted]. A friend of the boy's family came forward with the claim.

[redacted] denied the accusations and suspended his Scout membership, he said. He then quit the police.

[redacted] declined to comment on whether the Scouts knew about the 1972 case against [redacted] before allowing him to continue serving as a Scout leader. He also declined to comment on the current charges against [redacted].

One of [redacted] Palo Park neighbors, [redacted] not to be identified, said [redacted] was a loner. He has not talked to her in the 16 years he has lived in the area.

"He was very unfriendly," she said. "We used to just think of him as being a very private person who didn't socialize. But I guess he had his reasons."

Neighbors occasionally saw [redacted] with boys, she said, but they never thought anything about it since he was a Scout volunteer.

"As far as the children in the neighborhood, there was never an incident of any kind," she said.

Staff writer Michael McGuire contributed to this report.

Scouting now checks out leaders

By HEIDI VAN ZANT
Times Staff Writer

SAN MATEO — Prospective leaders in the Boy Scouts of America now are required to disclose if they have ever been arrested on child-abuse charges, even if there was no conviction.

They are also asked to reveal if they have ever been convicted of any crime or if there is "any fact or circumstance" in their background that would compromise their being entrusted with the care of young people.

"This has been in response to the concern about child abuse," said [redacted] executive director of the San Mateo County Boy Scouts chapter, which has 10,000 scouts and 3,000 volunteers.

That application, revised last year, also asks for character references.

Officials at Boy Scout headquarters in San Mateo do not verify the information. That is left to the [redacted] organization sponsoring the particular troop or den.

[redacted] parents to take an active role in investigating the people their children come in contact with, and not to leave it up to the Scouts.

"Parents need to make sure they know their scout leader, that they are people they know from their church and service clubs," he said.

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The boy scouts should receive credit for reporting their suspicions about [redacted] Sea Scout leader [redacted] Jr., 58, the Boy Scout executive said.

"This (child molesting) is a societal problem. We're trying to do something," [redacted] said. "You tell them (Scouts) 'cream and tell.'"

"And that's exactly what happened in this situation. We're in the child-protection business and we're going to create barriers for these people."

When asked why [redacted] was allowed back into [redacted] after previously being charged (although [redacted] of child molesting, [redacted] said, "I don't know."

He said in a subsequent interview he is "endeavoring" to find out who decided Stenger could be re-admitted and why.

[redacted] asked to provide the [redacted] of the attorney representing Boy Scouts of America.

If the boys involved in the alleged incident aboard the Sea Scout ship [redacted] request counseling, [redacted] said it will be provided.

The mother of the 11-year-old [redacted] was tied up by [redacted] extremely upset" by the incident, he said.

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Scoutmaster faced charges befo

By Nora Zamichow
Mercury News Staff Writer

A 58-year-old Menlo Park scoutmaster arrested last week on suspicion of child molestation had been charged with the same crime in San Carlos when he was a scoutmaster 18 years ago, police said Monday.

Boy Scouts of America officials knew of the 1971 case but allowed the scoutmaster to remain in the organization for two years later, police said. Scout officials said Monday they were unaware of the case until last week, when they learned of the charges and arrested him.

a handmade groin-and-torso harness during an overnight trip on a boat.

When details of this incident were disclosed, another Scout leader informed local Scout officials of the earlier, similar episode, police said.

Stonger, released on \$15,000 bail, said the current charges against him were unjustified and unfair.

"That will all come out in court," he said. Police are now investigating the possibility that other boys might have fallen victim to similar charges.

Last week, police found a number of leather and nylon harnesses, as well as sketches, snapshots and slides of a mostly nude boy in a wooded area near his home.

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the years, said detective Steven Switzer.

Last week, police found a number of leather and nylon harnesses, as well as sketches, snapshots and slides of young mostly nude boys in Stenger's home. Police have yet to analyze the estimated 300 slides that appear to be of Sea Scout boys in the Captain, which is the Boy Scout's official boat.

About 10 snapshots found by police in Stenger's home show two boys between the ages of 8 and 11 in [redacted]. One boy is photographed wearing underpants and tied spread-eagle to the bed. The other youngster is wearing a groin-and-torso harness, similar to the one allegedly used during the recent overnight outing.

[redacted] executive director of San Mateo County's 10,000-member Scout chapter [redacted] did not know why the organization allowed [redacted] to resume his duties after the 1971 episode. "If I were here 15 years ago, I could give you an answer. I cannot speak for the organization 15 years ago."

[redacted] has been with the group for a year, said there had been no recent complaints against [redacted] and that Boy Scout files did not indicate his

“The children were led to believe that this was normal to do on a boat.”

past conviction.

[redacted] was charged with three counts of child molestation in December 1971 in San Carlos, after three boys complained to the police. Pornographic devices, a pedophilia manual, leopard skin athletic supporters, and canvas and leather groin harnesses were found by police in a search of his home at that time, Switzer said.

That case again [redacted] in a hung jury. He pleaded guilty to three misdemeanor counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor and was assigned four years' probation. He also resigned from the Scouts, he told police.

[redacted] the Scouts two years later, San Jose's past Scout officials "told us they knew about this. They said they knew he had a problem in

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Molestation for second time

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— Detective Steven Switzer

the past."

Former Scout officials were unavailable for comment. [redacted] fastened a harness on a Sea Scout last week during an overnight stay on the docked [redacted] Redwood City Marina. The boys, aged 10, 11 and 12, were asleep when Stenger allegedly entered the boat's cabin.

[redacted] selected the youngest boy and placed him in a harness in front of the others; the boy dangled in the air for 15 minutes, and after the overnight, the 15-year-old reported the incident to his mother.

Police have [redacted] an electronics technician, on charges of false imprisonment, annoying children, and lewd and lascivious acts with children.

He is scheduled to be arraigned June 21.

During an interview with police, Stenger said he put the youngsters in groin harnesses as a safety measure to help prevent them from falling overboard, Switzer said. "The children were led to believe that this was normal to do on a boat."

[redacted] told police that he tied up certain boys at night to prevent them from sleepwalking or walking around, Switzer said.

"This guy is in a position of authority and kids are conditioned; especially in Scouting, not to question authority," Switzer said.

When the police interviewed the three youngsters, the 11-year-old said he had been placed in a harness, during an outing, within the past six months, Switzer said.

Police have received about 20 calls from concerned parents advising anyone whose [redacted] saw [redacted] them at (415) 780-7100. Switzer said police will try to contact parents whose children may have known Stenger in [redacted].

A former neighbor of Stenger called police, after seeing a news broadcast, and said he'd been tied up and tickled by [redacted] he was a child, Switzer said.

Youth organization is rocked by sex scandal

By HEIDI VAN ZANT
and KAREN PETERSON
Times Staff Writers

REDWOOD CITY — The Boy Scouts are in the thick of a growing scandal today as one of their leaders once again faces bondage charges.

Redwood City police said nearly 20 former and current scouts have come forward to complain they were molested by [REDACTED] over the past 30 years.

"We're really at the tip of the iceberg," said Lt. Bill Pratt of the Redwood City Police Department, which is investigating charges relating to a recent weekend outing at the Redwood City Marina.

[REDACTED] met by the Boy Scouts, has been a longtime leader of San Scouts, a scouting division for 14 to 16 year olds.

His 30-year volunteer career with the Scouts was interrupted in 1971 when he was charged in San Carlos with tying up and fondling three young boys.

A trial on those felony charges resulted in a hung jury.

a lesser charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor and was re-instated to scouting after completing probation.

Police, court officials and a former victim say they are deeply troubled that Stenger was allowed to associate with male youths again.

"I never dreamed that they would let him back into scouting," said a 29-year-old South County man who was

[REDACTED] victims in San Carlos.

"I can't believe they didn't know he wanted to be around little boys."

Boy Scout [REDACTED] conducting an investigation into why Stenger was permitted to resume his scouting activities.

[REDACTED] arrested in his Menlo Park home after Boy Scout officials

reported the alleged bondage incident.

Police said they found garbage piled 6 feet high in a bedroom of the home, human excrement on the floor, and hundreds of photos and slides

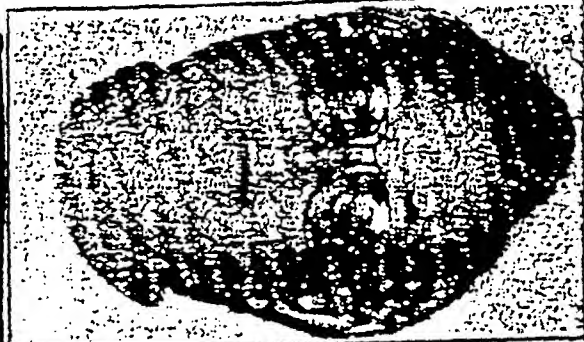
[REDACTED] Stenger said in a telephone interview Monday that he is seeking psychiatric treatment for an undisclosed problem.

When asked if his young accusers were lying, he responded, "No."

He declined to provide the name of his attorney but said he cannot wait for his day in court to clear his name.

When asked about his return to scouting after the previous child-molestation investigation, he said he went back only "after all of the charges were dropped."

Nine of the 15 boys in his unit has failed to offer support.



"It's hard to put into words," he replied, when questioned about what he would say to them.

[REDACTED] elaborate more later, adding, "Perhaps you would like to purchase an interview."

And he made one more request.

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...Police said they have no ...a how far-reaching the ...estigation will be, but they ...ve received one call from a ...in with ...gally him ...in 1958 when he was 8

years old.

"You hate to see an organization like the Boy Scouts suffer, but if I was a parent I would be (upset)," Switzer said.

He said Redwood City investigators were called after a 15-year-old boy on his first Sea Scout outing May 6 reported to his mother's boyfriend that Stenger had awakened them in the middle of the night aboard the boat.

An 11-year-old was trussed up in a harness that wrapped around his ...er watched him struggle for 15 minutes, the 15-year-old told Switzer.

He said there was no evidence there was any actual touching of the boys, and no indication the boys recognized the "sexual nature" of it.

Switzer ... explained that he tied boys up to keep them from falling overboard or sleepwalking. He has shown no remorse for his accused crimes, but has been "talkative and cooperative," according to police.

During a police interview about his background, Switzer

said he told investigators he had been put into bondage by his parents.

"When he was 4 or 5 he was a bad boy, and his parents either harnessed him or chained him to a tree," Switzer said. "He felt secure and humiliated at the same time."

While scouting officials scramble to minimize the damage done to Boy Scouts of America's public image, there are those in the organization who say it's too soon to castigate the man known as "Mr. Sea Scout."

...who look over leadership of the Belmont Sea Scouts after ...in 1971, said the most recent Boy Scout newsletter contains yet more accolades about ...accomplishments on the sea.

While the top scout executives have moved on (officials at the San Mateo headquarters would not provide the names of those in charge before and after ...he recalled that the leader was reprimanded because his record had been cleared.

"As far as what I heard, he had been found not guilty. You don't judge a man based

San Mateo County District Attorney Jim Fox, who prosecuted the San Carlos molestation case, said the jury did not believe ...intended to molest the boys when he tied them up.

After later pleading guilty to a lesser misdemeanor charge, ...probation and psychiatric counseling. After that probation was completed, he moved to have his record expunged and the guilty plea withdrawn.

"He could then say he had no record," Fox said. But that does not justify the Boy Scouts' giving him access again to young boys, the district attorney said.

"Our experience with pedophiles is that they are not amenable to treatment," he said. "If I had a child in scouting, I would be very concerned."

Deputy District Attorney Elaine Tipton, who two years ago successfully prosecuted another local Boy Scout leader on sex charges, said there is no excuse for ...benefit of the doubt. "I find it shocking they would weigh his proven track record against that risk," she said. "Studies have shown pedophiles (have) one of the highest recidivism rates. To participate in Boy Scouts is not a right — it's a privilege."

A longtime scout leader who ...for more than 20 years ...scouting officials should be held accountable because they ...for ...delamination of character (than they were about children being molested).

Top-level officials ...he has been on the job one year) and predecessors going back to 1971, were fully informed of this local resident, who requested anonymity.

"It was common knowledge to those in charge," he said. "I'm sick as sin I didn't do more. This could have been dropped five years ago."

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Scoutmaster held in molestation

enlo Park man accused of lewd, lascivious acts with children

Merri Zarnichow
Staff Writer

A 58-year-old Scoutmaster from Menlo Park has been charged with child molestation for allegedly patting a Sea Scout into a harness during an overnight trip on a boat.

Merri Zarnichow, a 20-year-old woman, was charged with molesting and slapping a 5-foot-6, allegedly lewd boy last Saturday night while on the boat with three boys, ages 10, 12 and 14.

The three boys, who were not named, were taken to the cabin and asked: "Whose cabin is it? Is the cabin a pool?"

lewd him into the pool. The boy, who was 15 minutes old, was charged with molesting him. During an interview, after his arrest on Thursday, [redacted] told police that he had been an obsession for him ever since his father had similarly bonded him at age 4, Maluszak said.

Officials from the San Mateo County Council of Boy Scouts of America reported for almost 20 years, to the police Monday. The officials learned of his alleged activities from a man whose girlfriend's son was aboard the boat. "This isn't in the handbook," one of the youngsters, a new Boy Scout, told police.

Scoutmaster charged with child molestation

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of young boys. Police said they found "horns" of slices of boys strapped in harnesses, and G-string, and "half a dozen" snapshots of a blindfolded Asian boy 6 to 8 years old tied to a bed.

No one previously had complained about the organization in San Mateo County's 10,000-member Scout chapter. And none of the 15 boys in Stenger's Sea Scout unit previously had spoken of any ill-doings, he said.

The 100 members in the Sea Scouts program learn basic boating skills as well as the usual Boy Scout agenda.

In an effort to better screen applicants for Boy Scout leaders, the organization recently more than

doubled the length of its application form. The group also asks for references and conducts thorough background checks.

But been [redacted] been with the Scouts for roughly 19 years, the organization had little information about him.

said. He said his group will consider whether to scrutinize the records of leaders who've been on staff for a number of years.

"We have a good system of trying to ensure that people of good character, with only the best things in mind, work with our children," [redacted] "Obviously, it was not foolproof."

Mercury News Staff Writer S.L. Wykes contributed to this report.

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leader arrested

Sexual assault charges
facing Menlo Park man

By Michael Shapiro
Times Tribune staff

Redwood City police are searching for other possible victims of a veteran boy scout leader arrested this week for allegedly sexually assaulting young scouts.

[REDACTED] Menlo Park is being held in San Mateo County's Main Jail on charges of lewd and lascivious acts with children and annoying children.

He also was charged with false imprisonment for a May 6 incident in which he allegedly used a harness to strap a 12-year-old boy to his bed.

[REDACTED] 10 inches tall and weighs 320 pounds, has not been charged with sexually assaulting the boy. Police Det. Ron Maruszak said [REDACTED] derived pleasure from watching the boy struggle for 15 minutes attempting to free himself.

Three boy scouts told police that [REDACTED] the boy to the bed with three padlocks in the harness and watched as the boy tried to free himself, Maruszak said.

One of the three boys said [REDACTED] his back and upper legs.

After receiving a tip from the Boy Scouts of America, police obtained a search warrant for [REDACTED] Albert Avenue in Menlo Park.

They found 30 to 40 restraint devices, more than 100 drawings of children in bondage, and a Polaroid photo of a blindfolded boy estimated to be 6 years old, who was tied to a bed, [REDACTED] said.

Police also found fantasy stories of children in bondage and "mountains of garbage," [REDACTED] said, adding that hundreds of pornographic photographs from magazines littered the apartment.

[REDACTED] been a boy scout supervisor for the past 30 years and recently has been a "scout master" for the Sea Scouts program, Maruszak said.

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Scout leader in molest case

scout leader with the San Mateo County Council of Boy Scouts.

"I was told by the boyfriend of a single mom whose son was aboard the boat that something may have happened, and I immediately went to the police. [redacted] Sunday.

Screening for volunteers

In recent years, the screening process for potential volunteers has been largely up to the private organizations sponsoring scout units, [redacted] he sponsor asks an applicant to provide references and then is responsible for checking them, he said.

[redacted] has been affiliated with the county's Sea Explorer Unit, a scout group for older boys since 1975, and had been with the organization since 1971, although "not continuously." He said he did not know if Stenger's references had been checked when he became a volunteer.

He declined comment as to whether the Scout Council was aware of the 1971 molestation charges 17 years ago.

[redacted] Scout Council has a longstanding policy that there must be at least two boys and two adults at any scouting function.

[redacted] me that another volunteer leader was supposed to be there. We have a very good system in place to prevent something like this, but nothing is foolproof. This goes [redacted] said.

Earlier accusation

Court records show that Stenger [redacted] in 1971 of sexually molesting three minors while living in San Carlos.

After a guilty plea, he received four years' probation, was ordered not to associate with anyone under 18 and was told to participate in "psychotherapy as long as the probation officer feels it necessary." He also was fined \$500.

Police said that when they searched [redacted] last week, they found a harness with straps, hundreds of photographs and drawings of juveniles in bondage, leather, nylon and rope restraints, and a bedroom filled with a 6-foot pile of garbage.

San Mateo Scout leader arrested in molest case

By Stanton Samuelson
OF THE EXAMINER STAFF

REDWOOD CITY — A veteran San Mateo County Boy Scout leader who in 1971 admitted to lewd acts with three minor boys has been charged with molesting an 11-year-old boy aboard the Sea Scout boat "Griffin."

Redwood City police said 58-year-old [redacted] of Menlo Park, was booked into the county jail on charges of false imprisonment, child annoyance and child molestation.

The suspect, an electronics worker, was arrested Thursday. He's scheduled for arraignment at 1:30 p.m. Monday in Municipal Court.

The alleged incident occurred during a sleep-over May 6 by three

boys and the suspect while the [redacted] docked at Redwood City Marina.

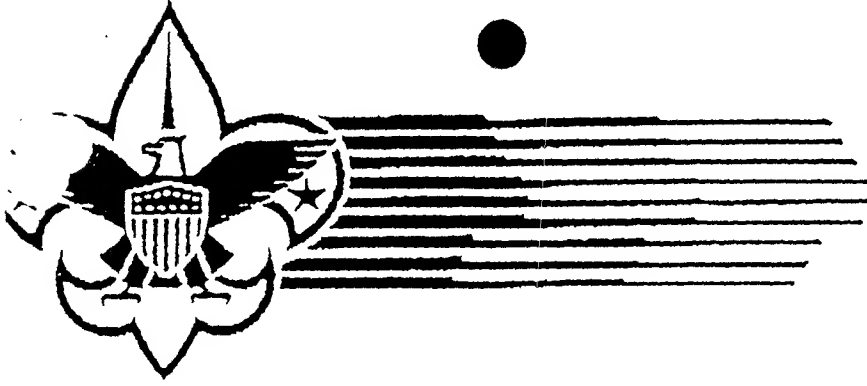
According to Detective Ron Matuzak, the alleged victim was sleeping below deck in a bunk when [redacted] a harness restraint between his legs, around the torso area and head. He used small padlocks to keep him in the restraint, which was anchored to the bunk.

The two other scouts on board told police the 5-foot-10, 320-pound [redacted] the boy struggled to get out of the harness for about 15 minutes before releasing him.

Police learned of the alleged molestation from [redacted]

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scout leader

By Nora Zamichow
Mercury News Staff Writer

Scouting officials ignored repeated warnings about a Peninsula scoutmaster arrested last week for allegedly molesting an 11-year-old boy during an overnight expedition in Redwood City, a scout leader said Wednesday.

Meanwhile, the investigation of 58-year-old [redacted] has expanded to include [redacted] other alleged victims, police said Wednesday.

A fellow scoutmaster said he alerted a Boy Scout official four times over concerns he had about [redacted] and [redacted] with his charges. However, Scout officials said no action was taken because neither parents nor Scouts complained.

At least one Boy Scout [redacted] said he knew that [redacted] was a [redacted]

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Investigation of sco

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rested in 1971 on child molestation charges.

[redacted] was reinstated to the Sea Scout program in 1975 at the recommendation of a therapist, the official said.

"His (therapist) had recommended he be reinstated, and that was long before I got there," said [redacted] director for the Western Division of the Boy Scouts of America. "His counselor indicated that his problem had been eradicated."

[redacted] electronics engineer, was arrested last week after he allegedly padlocked an 11-year-old Sea Scout into a handmade groin-and-torso harness during an overnight trip on a boat docked at the Redwood City Marina.

Police said [redacted] them he had been [redacted] with bondage since youth, when his father tied him up. On Monday, he told a reporter the charges against him were unfair and unjustified, and "that will all come out in court."

day for comment.

Six others identified

Since the incident aboard the Sea Scout [redacted] police have identified six other boys who were allegedly molested by [redacted] Redwood City police Detective Steven Switzer. Police are investigating the possibility that there may have been other victims over the years, Switzer said.

[redacted] was charged with false imprisonment, annoying children and lewd and lascivious acts with children, has been released on \$15,000 bail.

His neighbors in Menlo Park are circulating a petition asking that [redacted] be returned to jail. Since his release, vandals have broken a window in his two-bedroom, wood-shingle roof home and tossed eggs at his car, neighbors said.

The administrator who decided to reinstate [redacted] after the 1971 arrest could not be reached for comment.

[redacted], executive director of San Mateo County's 10,000-

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er this week that he was unaware of [redacted]

But after several interviews with the Mercury News, Gorman said Wednesday that a scoutmaster had told him almost a year ago of the past [redacted]

But "it was never indicated what those charges were," [redacted] said, and he did not ask.

Details disclosed

But the former scoutmaster who briefed [redacted] and he spelled out the details that led to Stenger's arrest in 1971.

"When I came, I explained everything about the Stenger case," said the former [redacted]

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be named. "I knew the circumstances of the case and so did everybody at the time and everybody now."

He said he voiced his concerns to [redacted] and he could recall only one conversation.

Another Scout leader, who also declined to be named, agreed that [redacted] was well-known.

"The newer officers of today were crew members when he was busted in 1971," he said. "I'd say the majority of people knew. It was my personal belief that having learned his lesson, he would have gone on as a leader rather than as [redacted]."

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counts of child molestation in December 1971 after three San Carlos boys complained to the police. Pornographic devices, a pedophilia manual, leopard skin athletic supporters, and canvas and leather groin harnesses were found by police in a search of his home at that time, according to court records.

That case again [redacted] ended in a hung jury. He later pleaded guilty to three misdemeanor counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor and was sentenced to four years' probation and ordered to undergo psychiatric counseling. He also resigned from the Scouts.

San Mateo County District Attorney Jim Fox, a then-deputy district attorney, prosecuted [redacted] during the 1971 case.

"It was a strong case," [redacted] said. "Frankly, I was amazed that he had been readmitted to the Boy Scouts."

[redacted] to court records, [redacted] boys to his home, sometimes giving them money. Three youngsters alleged that [redacted] had fondled their gen-

itals, according to records.

In the latest case, [redacted] fastened a harness on the 15-year-old Sea Scout during an overnight expedition with two other boys, ages 15 and 12, May 13. The boys were asleep [redacted] entered the boat's cabin, police said. [redacted] selected the youngest boy and placed him in harness for 15 minutes in front of the others, according to police. The 15-year-old reported the incident to his mother. Scouting officials then notified police and suspended [redacted] ger.

Arrest spurs more calls

A number of parents and former Scouts have called police since [redacted]'s arrest, Switzer said. One Scout, now 24, said [redacted] had knocked him into the water during a boating trip, on the return from Angel Island 12 years ago when he refused to don a loin cloth, Switzer said.

Several other Scouts allege that [redacted] ethered them in groin-and-torso harnesses during the past year, Switzer said.

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How until Scout leaders slip through

By Nora Zanicchi
Mercury News Staff writer

In the wake of a Menlo Park scoutmaster's recent arrest on molestation charges, Boy Scout officials and child abuse experts agree there is no foolproof way of screening adults who work among children.

"There's no profile of an abuser or a molester; there's no pen-and-paper test that proves someone

will hurt a child," said Anne Cohn, executive director of the National Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse. "The person who is totally determined to abuse a child is going to be very hard to stop. But at least we may be able to stop him early on — after one episode, as opposed to after a dozen."

Scoutmaster [redacted] was arrested May 11 after an 11-year-old Sea Scout alleged that

[redacted] had lechered him in a harness during an overnight outing in Redwood City. [redacted] has been charged with similar crimes in San Carlos 18 years ago, which would have prevented him from becoming a scoutmaster if he were applying today, Scouting officials said.

"Experts feel now that there is no such thing as effective rehabilitation for these kinds of offenses,"

said Greg Graze, spokesman for the national headquarters of the Boy Scouts of America in Irving, Texas.

[redacted] faces charges of false imprisonment, annoying children and lewd and lascivious acts with children. He is scheduled to be arraigned June 21.

The 1971 case again [redacted] See SCOUTS, Page 2B

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Scouting's challenge: finding fit leaders

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Scout officials reinstated Steninger in the Sea Scout program in 1975 at the recommendation of a therapist, they said. Years later, other Scouting officials were told that three boys had alleged that Steninger molested them in the 1971 case.

This knowledge [redacted] not enough to oust Steninger from the program because no parent or child had complained. The [redacted] still in the Sea Scout program in Mateo County's 10,000-member Scout chapter, where Steninger stayed.

A more detailed application form, established about six months ago, supplies Scouting officials with more information about those applying for leadership spots. [redacted] It asks for three references, background information on em-

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—Application form for Scout leaders

answer honestly, it also asks several questions, including: "Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense?" "Have you ever been arrested or convicted of child neglect or abuse?"

Applicants answer honestly because [redacted] going to have their references checked.

The previous application form, the one filled out by [redacted] others who've left Scouting for years, asked only basic biographical information. Once scoutmaster [redacted] simply

be checked against a "confidential file of individuals deemed at one time unacceptable for Scouting."

[redacted] could not comment on why [redacted] was not on that list, which has been maintained for the past 40 years.

In recent years, partly because of the increasing size of the youth population, [redacted] employed a comeback. About 1.1 million adult volunteers shepherd the 4.2 million Boy Scouts nationwide. In fact, Scouting has become so popular that finding leaders willing to volunteer considerable time and energy is "a continuing problem," Graze said.

To help protect youngsters from molestation, the Boy Scouts have implemented a number of new rules, including banning a scoutmaster from watching Scouts change their clothing or being the sole adult with the youngsters. In the past decade, at least 100 complaints of sexual assault have been lodged nationwide, Scouting officials said.

"It's so difficult to recognize potential perpetrators," [redacted] said.

Keeping kids safe

Here are some tips to ensure that your child is safe in a youth organization.

- Don't assume the program is safe, even if it has existed for years.
- Find out how rigorously the program screens for potential child abusers.
- Talk to parents whose children participated in the program and see if they know of any problems.
- Educate your own children about what to do if someone tries to molest them. Make sure they know how to protect themselves and to tell an adult about any incident.
- See what kind of child abuse prevention program the organization has established. Ask the administrators how they educate children about child abuse.

Source: National Child Welfare

A crucial trust

Youth groups work to improve process

By Zoe Frantz
Times Tribune staff

Parents today rely more than ever on other adults to take care of their children.

Many children spend their days away from their parents. There is day care for toddlers. School for children. And an array of youth groups for all ages.

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"The kids are all about it," he said. "There are many parents who don't give any consideration to the kind of thing happening."

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Vandals hit man accused of molestation

By Zoe Francis
and Michael McGuire
Times Tribune staff

Neighbors of a Menlo Park man charged with molesting children want him out of the neighborhood and in police custody.

More than 50 neighbors petitioned the city to remove the man from the neighborhood. He is free on bail until his June 21 arraignment.

"I think we're safer," one neighbor said.

Neighbors have been vandalized since his arrest last week. Windows have been broken and eggs have been thrown against the house. The man was charged last week with molesting children and false imprisonment.

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One man who has worked with the Sea Scout program for the past 19 years said Stenger's past criminal case was well known in San Mateo County.

"Slide comments were made about him at that time," said the man, who requested anonymity. "The man said he and other Scout leaders took no action against him and he was readmitted to the Scout program."

"We missed the questions, but we felt that it was his chance to take responsibility," the man said.

The man said members of community groups who recommend people to be Scout leaders also bore some responsibility.

But he said the man was "incredibly knowledgeable" about boating and had created strong Sea Scout programs.

In the recent case, police have seized dozens of photographs, various restraint devices, and a diary, but none are completely naked.

"He admitted that he's placed these restraints on these boys," he said. "But he says he didn't do it to harm them."

In the alleged incident, the man allegedly never touches the boys' genitals or committed any sexual acts in front of them, Maluszak said.

Police also seized several short stories written by the man, Maluszak said. The essays describe sexual abuse and discipline of young boys. Many drawings done by the man show boys involved in various sexual acts.

As police continue to delve into the man's alleged activities, they have found the first of many items to be enormous. One man claimed the man lived in 1958.

"We're probably going to go back (through) 10 years" of rosters containing the names of Scouts in Redwood City police Detective Steven [redacted] said.

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He had been accused of tying up three young boys in his San Carlos home and fondling them, but the charges were dropped when a mistrial was declared because of a hung jury.

[redacted] pled guilty to the lesser charge and was suspended from Scouting for several years.

Boy Scout executive [redacted] man, who has been on the job only one year, disputes allegations that he knew [redacted] was a risk to the Sea Scouts he supervised.

"I knew he had a problem. I had no idea of the depth of the problem," [redacted] said Wednesday.

"I don't buy they had no clue," responded Detective Ron Manuszak of the Redwood City Police Department.

Screening procedures have been changed so that prospective Scout leaders now are asked to disclose if they have a criminal past, [redacted] noted.

[redacted] said he has asked for an internal review of how and why [redacted] was re-instated.

[redacted] emerged into the spotlight last week when Redwood City police arrested him on charges of trussing up an 11-year-old boy during an overnight stay aboard a Sea Scout boat docked at the city marina.

They said the pants [redacted] did not molest the tied-up youth or his two companions, but one of the boys reported the incident anyway.

Redwood City police said nearly 20 boys or their parents have called to say Stenger may have molested them over the past 30 years.

When police arrested [redacted] they found a home filled with harnesses, groin cloths, pictures and drawings of young boys in bondage and a trussed-up mannequin.

Redwood City Detective Steve Switzer said Wednesday that one 24-year-old man came in to the station to report a problem. [redacted] allegedly had aboard an excursion on San Francisco Bay 12 years ago.

The man said [redacted] threw him into the water and nearly let him drown when he refused to

On board was another young boy who did put on the apparel, the [redacted] reportedly told Switzer.

"He told his father and his father wouldn't believe him," Switzer said.

Police this week were interviewing past and present Sea Scouts to determine how many of them may have been molested.

They reportedly are concentrating on cases that may have occurred in the past six years, before the statute of limitations would have run out.

Deputy District Attorney Susan Griffin said she will review the case within the next week to determine what, if any, charges would be filed.

[redacted] on Monday that the boys were not lying about the recent incident in Redwood City, has been released on \$15,000 bail.

He has been charged with felony child imprisonment, child annoyance and molestation.

Sea Scout parent [redacted] of South San Francisco said she hoped this investigation will not overshadow the good work of the other Sea Scout units in San Mateo County.

Nearly 500 Sea Scouts from throughout Northern California will be gathering at Coast Guard Island in the bay for the 37th annual Ancient Mariner Regatta, including those [redacted] Stenger's former unit.

"While this investigation is going on, it should not take away from the regatta," [redacted] said. "We need to have equal time."

[redacted] has been harassed by [redacted] his neighbors who allegedly want him to move out. His home has been the target of vandals, police said.



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Scouting officials ignored repeated warnings about a Peninsula scoutmaster arrested last week for allegedly molesting an 11-year-old boy during an overnight expedition in Redwood City, a scout leader said Wednesday.

Meanwhile, the investigation of 58-year-old [REDACTED] has expanded to include other alleged victims, police said Wednesday.

A fellow scoutmaster said he alerted a Boy Scout official four times over concerns he had about [REDACTED] and his relationship with [REDACTED]. However, Scout officials said no action was taken because neither parents nor Scouts complained.

At least one Boy Scout official said he knew that Stenger was an

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Since the incident aboard the Sea Scout [REDACTED] police have identified six other boys who were allegedly molested.

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The administrator who decided to reinstate [REDACTED] the 1971 arrest could not be reached for comment.

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Details disclosed

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was my personal belief that having
learned his lesson, he would have
gone on as a leader rather than as
... a molester."

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quency of a minor and was sen-
tenced to four years' probation and
ordered to undergo psychiatric
counseling. He also resigned from
the Scouts.

San Mateo County District At-
torney Jim Fox, a then-deputy dis-
trict attorney, prosecuted [redacted]
during the 1971 case.

"It was a strong case," Fox said.
"Frankly, I was amazed that he
had been readmitted to the Boy
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Arrest spurs more calls

A number of parents and form-
Scouts have called police sin-
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former Scout, now 24, said [redacted]
had knocked him into [redacted]
during a boating trip, on the retu-
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Switzer said.

Several other Scouts allege th-
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the very truth, she said. They
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 answers and lead independent
 and fulfilling lives."

Assemblyman Ted Lempert,
 D-San Mateo, and other
 county officials joined in
 honoring the peer counselors.
 More than 500 seniors have
 been helped by their fellow
 seniors in the five years since
 the program was begun.

"We're helping keep a lot of
 the frail elderly out of
 institutions and in their
 homes," said community
 liaison Mary Retallick.

There is no charge for the
 service, which is funded
 through an \$80,000 grant from
 San Mateo County.

Goff, who has been retired
 10 years, learned about the
 program through the Pacifica
 Senior Center.

"I just didn't have enough to
 do," she said. "(Now) this is
 the best thing I do, the

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These Photos by John Green
 Volunteer counselor Rose Goff

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hundreds of photos of child por-
 nography, Det. Ron Matyszak
 said. [REDACTED]
 employed as an electronics super-
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 San Mateo County jail at Red-
 wood City.

He is facing charges of felony
 false imprisonment, child
 annoyance and molestation,
 Matyszak said, and probably will

be arraigned Monday in San
 Mateo County Municipal Court.
 The molestation charge involves
 the photos found in the house,
 police said.

The tip leading to the arrest
 came from Boy Scout officials,
 who had no explanation this
 morning for [REDACTED] was
 allowed into scouting. After he
 reportedly was convicted of simi-
 lar charges in San Carlos in 1971.

Investigators are trying to iden-
 tify the children in the pictures
 they confiscated, some of whom
 reportedly were as young as 6
 years old.

[REDACTED] boys — ages
 11, 12 and 15 — on a Sea Scout
 overnight trip May 6 at the Red-
 wood City Marina, police said.

After the boys were asked he
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Li described the situation in Beijing as "anarchic and chaotic." "We have been reasonable for more than one month. In the world there's no government like that," he said. "The Communist party will resolutely deal with all turmoil and not allow it to interfere with society."

Li claimed that "a handful of persons" seeking to overthrow the government "are using the hunger strikers as hostages to force and force the party and the government to yield to their political demands."

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being there gave her a breath
of the outside."

Davidove is a retired social
worker who said she'd get
more knitting done if she
stayed home, "but I'd be
out."

arrested in molest case

By Stanton Samuelson
OF THE EXAMINER STAFF

REDWOOD CITY — A veteran San Mateo County Boy Scout leader who in 1971 admitted to lewd acts with three minor boys has been charged with molesting an 11-year-old boy aboard the Sea

Redwood City police said 58-year-old [redacted] Menlo Park, was booked into the county jail on charges of false imprisonment, child annoyance and child molestation.

The suspect, an electronics worker, was arrested Thursday. He's scheduled for arraignment at 1:30 p.m. Monday in Municipal Court.

The alleged incident occurred during a sleep-over May 6 by three

boys and the suspect while the [redacted] was docked at Redwood City marina.

According to Detective Ron Matuszak, the alleged victim was sleeping below deck in a bunk when [redacted] attached a harness restraint between his legs, around the torso area and head. He used small padlocks to keep him in the restraint, which was anchored to the bunk.

The two other scouts on board told police the 5-foot-10, 320-pound [redacted] watched the boy struggle to get out of the harness for about 15 minutes before releasing him.

Police learned of the alleged molestation from [redacted], an ex-

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ecutive with the San Mateo County Council of Boy Scouts.

"I was told by the boyfriend of a single mom whose son was aboard the boat that something may have happened, and I immediately went to the police," [redacted] said Friday.

Screening for volunteers

In recent years, the screening process for potential volunteers has been largely up to the private organizations sponsoring scout units, [redacted]. The sponsor asks an applicant to provide references and then is responsible for checking them, he said.

[redacted] has been affiliated with the county's Sea Explorer Unit, a scout group for older boys since 1975, and had been with the organization since 1971, although "not continuously." He said he did not know if Stenger's references had been checked when he became a volunteer.

He declined comment as to whether the Scout Council was aware of the 1971 molestation charges 17 years ago.

[redacted] Scout Council has a longstanding policy that there must be at least two boys and two adults at any scouting function.

[redacted] told me that another volunteer leader was supposed to be there. We have a very good system in place to prevent something like this, but nothing is foolproof. This got by us," [redacted] said.

Earlier accusation

Court records show that [redacted] who is single, was accused in 1971 of sexually molesting three minors while living in San Carlos.

After a guilty plea, he received four years' probation, was ordered not to associate with anyone under 18 and was told to participate in "psychotherapy as long as the probation officer feels it necessary." He also was fined \$500.

Police said that when they searched [redacted] last week, they found a harness with straps, hundreds of photographs and drawings of juveniles in bondage, leather, nylon and rope restraints, and a bedroom filled with a 6-foot pile of garbage.

Scoutmaster held in molestation

Menlo Park man accused of lewd, lascivious acts with children

a Zamichow
News Staff Writer

A 38-year-old Scoutmaster from Menlo Park has been charged with child molestation for allegedly padlocking a Sea Scout into an orso harness during an overnight trip on a

[REDACTED] who weighs 320 pounds and stands 5-foot-6, allegedly lashed the boy last Saturday night while on the boat with three boys, ages 10, 12 and

The three were asleep when [REDACTED] allegedly entered the cabin and asked: "Who's going to be the guinea pig tonight?"

[REDACTED] selected one of the boys and fas-

tened him into the harness in front of the others, Detective Ron Matuszak said. The boy dangled in the air for 15 minutes, he said.

During a [REDACTED] after his arrest on Thursday, [REDACTED] allegedly told police that harnesses had been an obsession for him ever since his father had similarly bound him at age 4, Matuszak said.

Officials from the San Mateo County Council of Boy Scouts of America reported Stenger, a Scout leader for almost 20 years, to the police Monday. The officials learned of his alleged activities from a man whose girlfriend's son was aboard the boat.

"This isn't in the handbook," one of the youngsters, a new Boy Scout, told police.

[REDACTED] the San Mateo County jail, has been charged with false imprisonment, annoying children, and lewd and lascivious acts with children. He is scheduled to be arraigned Monday.

Police shattered the door to his two-bedroom home Thursday, after he refused to allow them inside. A mound of trash toppled over in one room and human excrement was found on the den rug, Matuszak said. All of the blinds were shut and dust covered furnishings in the house, where [REDACTED] had lived for 17 years.

Another room was filled with leather and nylon harnesses, chastity belts and sketches

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of young boys. Police said they found "dozens" of slides of boys strapped in harnesses and G-strings, and "half a dozen" snapshots of a blindfolded Asian boy 6 to 8 years old tied to a bed.

No one previously had complained about [redacted] Tim [redacted] executive of San Mateo County's 10,000-member Scout chapter. And none of the 15 boys in Stenger's Sea Scout unit previously had spoken of any ill-doings, he said.

The 100 members in the Sea Scouts program learn basic boating skills as well as the usual Boy Scout agenda.

In an effort to better screen applicants for Boy Scout leaders, the organization recently more than

doubled the length of its application form. The group also asks for references and conducts thorough background checks, said [redacted] of the Stanford Area chapter.

But because [redacted] been with the Scouts for roughly 19 years, the organization had little information about him, [redacted] said. He said his group will consider whether to scrutinize the records of leaders who've been on staff for a number of years.

"We have a good system of trying to ensure that people of good character, with only the best things in mind, work with our children," [redacted] Obviously, it was not foolproof."

Mercury News Staff Writer S.L. Wykes contributed to this report.

Sexual assault charges facing Menlo Park man

By Michael Shapiro
Times Tribune staff

Redwood City police are searching for other possible victims of a veteran boy scout leader arrested this week for allegedly sexually assaulting young scouts.

[REDACTED] 38-year-old Menlo Park is being held in San Mateo County's Main Jail on charges of lewd and lascivious acts with children and annoying children.

He also was charged with false imprisonment for a May 6 incident in which he allegedly used a harness to strap a 12-year-old boy to his bed.

[REDACTED] 5'10 inches tall and weighs 320 pounds, has not been charged with sexually assaulting the boy. Police Det. Ron Matuszak said [REDACTED] allegedly derived pleasure from watching the boy struggle for 15 minutes attempting to free himself.

Three boy scouts told police that [REDACTED] tied the boy to the bed with three padlocks in the harness and watched as the boy tried to free himself, Matuszak said.

One of the three boys said [REDACTED] hit his back and upper thigh.

After receiving a tip from the Boy Scouts of America, police obtained a search warrant for [REDACTED] on Gilbert Avenue in Menlo Park.

They found 30 to 40 restraint devices, more than 100 drawings of children in bondage, and a Polaroid photo of a blindfolded boy estimated to be 8 years old, who was tied to a bed, Matuszak said.

Police also found fantasy stories of children in bondage and "mountains of garbage," Matuszak said, adding that hundreds of pornographic photographs from magazines littered the apartment.

[REDACTED] boy scout supervisor for the past 30 years and recently has been a "scout master" for the Sea Scouts program, Matuszak said.

Anyone with information on other possible incidents of molestation is asked to call the Redwood City Police Department, (415) 780-100.

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May 24, 1989

MEMORANDUM

TO:

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FROM:

[REDACTED] an
Scout Executive
San Mateo, California

On Monday, May 15, 1989, an incident of child abuse was reported to the San Mateo County Council. I immediately met with the individual in question and suspended his registration. I then contacted the police who began their investigation.

The accompanying newspaper articles are essentially correct and will give you the details. Obviously my concerns, in addition to the harm to the boys, center around the fact that this individual's membership was previously suspended in 1971 for the same reasons it is being suspended now. In 1975, this individual was allowed to re-register.

The one error I see in the newspapers is the anonymous source who claims to know that "Scouting officials" were fully informed of the man's past. I was told shortly after assuming this position in September of 1988, that the gentleman had had a problem in the early '70's after tying a boy to the mast of his Sea Scout ship. I believe this is the same information that my predecessor had.

I'd be happy to accept suggestions or advice on the next steps to take.

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Scouts 'devastated' by molest charges

By Zoe Francis
Times Tribune staff

A San Scout leader charged last week with child molestation is under investigation for similar incidents dating back more than 30 years, Redwood City police said Monday.

Paul [redacted] Menlo Park is free on \$10,000 bail. He is charged with lewd and lascivious acts with children and false imprisonment of a 12-year-old boy. His arraignment has been set for June 21.

Since reports [redacted] at least six people have called Redwood City police alleging they also were molested by Stenger, said Lt. Bill Pratt. One man said Stenger allegedly molested him in 1956.

Police will interview callers to confirm their accusations, he said. [redacted] skipper for the San Mateo-based San Scouts, said Scout executive [redacted] It is a branch of the San Mateo Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

"I feel very bad for the young men involved, for their families, for the Boy Scout program," [redacted] said.

"When something like this happens it's just devastating," [redacted] at his house.

[redacted] in recent years the Scouts have toughened standards for choosing troop leaders. The new standards include always having at least two leaders present

with Scouts. [redacted] not say if Stenger violated the two-leader policy.

[redacted] been a Scout leader since the 1950s, Gorman said, he would have filled out an application more than 30 years ago when the screening process was less rigorous. [redacted] not know how long Stenger had been involved with the Scouts. Local records go back to 1971, he said.

Court records show [redacted] pleaded guilty in April 1972 to contributing to the delinquency of a minor. He originally had been charged with three counts of child molestation, according to San Mateo County Superior Court records.

In the 1972 case, three San Carlos boys — two 11 year-olds and one 9-year-old — were allegedly molested by Stenger at his former residence. San Carlos police put the children in harnesses and chained one boy to a bed, records show. The boys testified in a preliminary hearing in early 1972 that they had been fondled by Stenger.

Evidence seized by police in the 1972 case included leather harnesses, chains, a book about pedophilia and pornographic magazines, records show.

[redacted] sentenced and served more than 100 years of his four-year term. Please see SCOUTS, A-5



Times Tribune file photo
Paul [redacted] Menlo Park is free on bail after being charged with lewd and lascivious acts with children and false imprisonment of a 12-year-old boy.

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Year probation sentence, records show.

In the most recent case, police seized from [redacted] house sev-

eral restraint devices, drawings of children in bondage and a photo of

a blindfolded boy tied to a bed, po-

lice said.

Police got a search warrant for [redacted] house after being tipped

by [redacted] district

to strip a 12-year-old [redacted] by [redacted] used a harness

parently employed waiting the boy

alleged incident from one of the

family came forward with the

claim.

the accusations and suspended his

Scout membership, he said. He

lined to comment on

whether the Scouts knew about the

1972 case against [redacted] or

allowing him to continue serving as

a Scout leader. He also declined to

comment on the current charges

against [redacted] Menlo Park

neighbors, who asked not to be

identified, said [redacted] was a

loner. He has not talked to her in

the 16 years he has lived in the

area.

"He was very unfriendly," she

said. "We used to just think of him

as being a very private person who

didn't socialize. But I guess he had

his reasons."

occasionally saw [redacted] boys, she said, but

they never brought anything about

it since he was a Scout volunteer.

"As far as the children in the

neighborhood, there was never an

incident of any kind," she said.

Still writer Michael McGuire
continued in this report.

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Scouting now checks out leaders

By HEIDI VAN ZANT
Times Staff Writer

SAN MATEO — Prospective leaders in the Boy Scouts of America now are required to disclose if they have ever been arrested on child-abuse charges, even if there was no conviction.

They are also asked to reveal if they have ever been convicted of any crime or if there is "any fact or circumstance" in their background that would compromise their being entrusted with the care of young people.

"This has been in response to the concern about child abuse," said [redacted] executive director of the San Mateo County Boy Scouts chapter, which has 10,000 scouts and 3,000 volunteers.

That application, revised last year, also asks for character references.

Officials at Boy Scout headquarters in San Mateo do not verify the information, Gorman said. That is left to the church or other organization sponsoring the particular troop or den.

[redacted] advised parents to take an active role in investigating the people their children come in contact with, and not to leave it up to the Scouts.

"Parents need to make sure they know their scout leader, that they are people they know from their church and service clubs," he said.

The boy scouts should receive credit for reporting their suspicions about suspended Sea Scout leader [redacted] [redacted] the Boy Scout [redacted] said.

"This (child molesting) is a societal problem. We're trying to do something," [redacted] said. "You tell them (Scouts) 'stream and tail.'"

"And that's exactly what happened in this situation. We're in the child-protection business and we're going to create barriers for these people."

When asked why [redacted] was allowed back into Scouting after previously being charged (although not convicted) of child molesting, [redacted] said, "I don't know."

He said in a subsequent interview he is "endeavoring" to find out who decided [redacted] should be readmitted and why.

[redacted] declined to provide the name of the attorney representing Boy Scouts of America.

If the boys involved in the alleged incident aboard the Sea Scout ship [redacted] request counseling, [redacted] said it will be provided.

The mother of the 11-year-old boy who allegedly was tied up by [redacted] extremely upset by the incident, he said.

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Scoutmaster faced charges before

By Nora Zamichow
Mercury News Staff Writer

A 54-year-old Menlo Park scoutmaster arrested

last week on suspicion of child molestation had been charged with the same crime in San Carlos when he was a scoutmaster 18 years ago, police said Monday.

Boy Scouts of America officials here of the 1971 arrest but allowed [redacted] to return to the organization two years later, police said.

a handmade goat-and-lorse harness during an overnight trip on a boat.

When details of this incident were disclosed, another Scout leader informed local Scout officials of the earlier similar episode, police said.

[redacted] paid on \$15,000 bail, said the current charges against him were unjustified and unfair.

"That will all come out in court," he said.

Police are now investigating the possibility that

Last week, police found a number

leather and nylon harnesses, as

sketches, snapshots and slides

mostly nude boys in [redacted]

[redacted]

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the years, said detective Steven Switzer.

Last week, police found a number of leather and nylon harnesses, as well as sketches, snapshots and slides of young mostly nude boys in Stenger's home. Police have yet to analyze the estimated 300 slides that appear to be of Sea Scouts aboard [REDACTED] which is the Boy Scout's official boat.

About 10 snapshots found by police [REDACTED] home show two boys between the ages of 6 and 8. [REDACTED] a boy is photographed wearing underpants and tied spread-eagle to the bed. The other youngster is wearing a groin-and-torso harness, similar to the one allegedly used during the recent overnight outing.

[REDACTED] executive director of San Mateo County's 10,000-member Scout chapter, said he did not know why the organization allowed [REDACTED] to resume his duties after the 1971 episode. "I [REDACTED] here 15 years ago, I could give you an answer. I cannot speak for [REDACTED] 15 years ago."

[REDACTED] has been with the group for a year, said there had been no recent complaints against [REDACTED] and that Boy Scout files did not indicate his

"The children were led to believe that they were on a boat."

[REDACTED] was charged with three counts of child molestation in December 1971 in San Carlos, after three boys complained to the police. Pornographic devices, a pedophilia manual, leopard skin athletic supporters, and canvas and leather groin harnesses were found by police in a search of his home at that time, Switzer said.

That case against [REDACTED] ended in a hung jury. He pleaded guilty to three misdemeanor counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor and was assigned four years' probation. He also resigned from the Scouts, he told police.

[REDACTED] returned to the Scouts two years later, Switzer said. Past Scout officials "told us they knew about this. They said they knew he had a problem in

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Molestation for second time

lieve that this was normal to

— Detective Steven Switzer

the past."

Former Scout officials were unavailable for comment.

[REDACTED] fastened a harness on a Sea Scout last week during an overnight stay on the docked Gryphon at the Redwood City Marina. The boys, aged 15, 10 and 11, were asleep when Stenger allegedly entered the boat's cabin.

[REDACTED] selected the youngest boy and placed him in a harness in front of the others; the boy dangled in the air for 15 minutes, and after the overnight, the 15-year-old reported the incident to his mother.

Police have arrested [REDACTED] an electronics technician, on charges of false imprisonment, annoying children, and lewd and lascivious acts with children.

He is scheduled to be arraigned June 21.

During an interview with police [REDACTED] he put the youngsters in groin harnesses as a safety measure to help prevent them from falling overboard, Switzer said. "The children were led to believe that this was normal to do on a boat."

[REDACTED] told police that he tied up certain boys at night to prevent them from sleepwalking or walking around, Switzer said.

"This guy is in a position of authority and kids are conditioned; especially in Scouting, not to question authority," Switzer said.

When the police interviewed the three youngsters, the 11-year-old said he had been placed in a harness, during an outing, within the past six months, Switzer said.

Police have received about 20 calls from concerned parents and are advising anyone whose children knew [REDACTED] to call them at (415) 780-7100. Switzer said police will try to contact parents whose children may have known [REDACTED] in the past decade.

A former neighbor of [REDACTED] police, after seeing a news broadcast, and said he'd been tied up and tickled by [REDACTED] when he was a child, Switzer said.

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By HEIDI VAN ZANT
and KAREN PETERSON
Times Staff Writers

REDWOOD CITY — The
Boy Scouts are in the thick of a
growing scandal today as one
of their leaders once again
faces bondage charges.

Redwood City police said
nearly 20 former and current
scouts have come forward to
complain about [redacted]
over the past 30 years.

"We're really at the tip of
the iceberg," said Lt. Bill Pratt
of the Redwood City Police
Department, which is
investigating charges relating
to a recent weekend outing at
the Redwood City Marina.
[redacted] died last
week by the Boy Scouts, has
been a longtime leader of Sea
Scouts, a scouting division for
14 to 16 year olds.

His 30-year volunteer career
with the Scouts was
interrupted in 1971 when he
was charged in San Carlos
with tying up and fond-
ling three young boys.

A trial on those felony
charges resulted in a hung
jury. [redacted] pled guilty to

Youth organization is rocked by sex scandal

a lesser charge of contributing
to the delinquency of a minor
and was re-instituted to scouting
after completing probation.
Police, court officials and a
former victim say they are
deeply troubled that Stenger
was allowed to associate with
male youths again.

"I never dreamed that they
would let him back into
scouting," said a 29-year-old
Scoutmaster [redacted] who was
or [redacted] year-old
victims in San Carlos.

"I can't believe they didn't
know he wanted to be around
little boys."

Boy Scout executive [redacted]
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permitted to resume his
scouting activities.

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electronics technician, was
arrested in his Menlo Park
home after Boy Scout officials

repeated the alleged bondage
incident.
Police said they found
garbage piled 6 feet high in a
bedroom of the home, human
excrement on the floor, and
hundreds of photos and slides
of young boys tied up.

[redacted] a telephone
in interview testimony that he is
seeking psychiatric treatment
for an undisclosed problem.

When asked if his young
accusers were lying, he
responded, "No."

He declined to provide the
name of his attorney but said
he cannot wait for his day in
court to clear his name.

When asked about his
return to scouting after the
previous child-molestation
investigation, he said he went
back only "after all of the
charges were dropped."

None of the 15 boys in his
unit has [redacted] offer support,



"It's hard to put into
words," he replied, when
questioned about what he
would say to them.
[redacted] he could
elaborate more later, adding,
"Perhaps you would like to
purchase an interview."
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"You hate to see an organization like the Boy Scouts suffer, but if I was a parent I would be (upset)," Switzer said.

He said Redwood City investigators were called after a 15-year-old boy on his first Sea Scout outing May 6 reported to his mother's boyfriend that he had awakened them in the middle of the night aboard the boat.

An 11-year-old was trapped around his groin while a panting Stenger watched him struggle for 15 minutes, the 15-year-old told Switzer.

He said there was no evidence there was any actual touching of the boys, and no indication the boys recognized the "sexual nature" of it.

Switzer said he tied boys up to keep them from falling overboard or sleepwalking.

He has shown no remorse for his accused crimes, but has been "talkative and cooperative," according to police.

During a police interview about his background,

said he told investigators he had been put into bondage by his parents.

"When he was 4 or 5 he was a 'bad boy' and his parents either harnessed him or chained him to a tree," Switzer said. "He felt secure and humiliated at the same time."

While scouting officials scramble to minimize the damage done to Boy Scouts of America's public image, there are those in the organization who say it's too soon to castigate the man known as "Mr. Sea Scout."

Stenger, 30, who took over leadership of the Belmont Sea Scouts after Switzer moved in 1971, said the most recent Boy Scout newsletter contains yet more accolades about Stenger's accomplishments on the seas.

While the top scout executives have moved on (officials at the San Mateo headquarters would not provide the names of those in charge before Stenger), he recalled that the leader was reinstated because his record had been cleared.

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"As far as what I heard, he had been found not guilty. You don't judge a case based on the hearsay,"

San Mateo County District Attorney Jim Fox, who prosecuted the San Carlos molestation case, said the jury did not believe that Stenger intended to molest the boys when he tied them up.

After later pleading guilty to a lesser misdemeanor charge, Stenger received probation and psychological counseling. After that probation was completed, he moved to have his record expunged and the guilty plea withdrawn.

"I could then say he had no record,"

But that does not justify the Boy Scouts' giving him access again to young boys, the district attorney said.

"Our experience with pedophiles is that they are not amenable to treatment," Stenger said. "If I had a child in scouting, I would be very concerned."

Deputy District Attorney Elaine Tipton, who two years ago successfully prosecuted another local Boy Scout leader on sex charges, said there is no

excuse for giving him the benefit of the doubt.

"I find it shocking they would weigh his proven track record against that risk," she said. "Studies have shown pedophiles (have) one of the highest recidivism rates. To participate in Boy Scouts is not a right — it's a privilege."

A longtime scout leader who has known Stenger more than 20 years said scouting officials should be held accountable because they were more concerned about the reputation of the organization than they were about children being molested.

Top-level officials, including Stenger, has been on the job one year) and predecessors going back to 1971, were fully informed of Stenger's problems, said this local resident, who requested anonymity.

"It was common knowledge to those in charge," he said. "I'm sick as sin I didn't do more. This could have been stopped five years ago."

Scoutmaster held in molestation

Menlo Park man accused of lewd, lascivious acts with children

By Nora Zanicichow
Mercury News Staff Writer

A 58-year-old Scoutmaster from Menlo Park has been charged with child molestation for allegedly padlocking a Sea Scout into a torso harness during an overnight trip on a boat.

[redacted], who weighs 320 pounds and stands 5-foot-6, allegedly told the boy last Saturday night while on the docked boat with three boys, ages 10, 12 and 14.

The three were asleep when [redacted] allegedly entered the cabin and asked: "Who's going to be the guinea pig tonight?"

[redacted] one of the boys and fast-

tered him into the harness in front of the others, Detective Ron Matuszak said. "The boy dangled in the air for 15 minutes, he said. During an interview after his arrest on Thursday, [redacted] told police that harnesses had been an obsession for him ever since his father had similarly bound him at age 4, Matuszak said.

Officials from the San Mateo County Council of Boy Scouts of America reported Stenger, a Scout leader for almost 20 years, to the police Monday. The officials learned of his alleged activities from a man whose girlfriend's son was aboard the boat.

"This isn't in the handbook," one of the youngsters, a new Boy Scout, told police.

[redacted] held at the San Mateo County jail, [redacted] has been charged with false imprisonment, annoying children, and lewd and lascivious acts with children. He is scheduled to be arraigned Monday.

Police shattered the door to his two-bed room June Thursday, after [redacted] refused to allow them inside. A mound of trash toppled over in one room and human excrement was found on the den rug, Matuszak said. All of the blinds were shut and dust covered furnishings in the house, where Stenger had lived for 17 years.

Another room was filled with leather and nylon harnesses, chastity belts and sketches

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of young boys. Police said they found "dozens" of slides of boys strapped in harnesses and G-strings, and "half a dozen" snapshots of a blindfolded Asian boy 6 to 8 years old tied to a bed.

No one previously had complained about [redacted] and Tim Gorman, executive of San Mateo County's 10,000-member Scout chapter. And none of the 15 boys in [redacted] unit previously had spoken of any ill-doings, he said.

The 100 members in the Sea Scouts program learn basic boating skills as well as the usual Boy Scout agenda.

In an effort to better screen applicants for Boy Scout leaders, the organization recently more than

doubled the length of its application form. The group also asks for references and conducts thorough background checks, said Warren Merrill, business manager of the Stanford Area chapter.

But because [redacted] had been with the Scouts for roughly 19 years, the organization had little information about him, Gorman said. He said his group will consider whether to scrutinize the records of leaders who've been on staff for a number of years.

"We have a good system of trying to ensure that people of good character, with only the best things in mind, work with our children," [redacted] "Obviously, it was not foolproof."

Mercury News Staff Writer S.L. Wykes contributed to this report.

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Sexual assault charges
facing Menlo Park man

By Michael Shapiro
Times Tribune staff

Redwood City police are searching for other possible victims of a veteran boy scout leader arrested this week for allegedly sexually assaulting young scouts.

[REDACTED] Menlo Park is being held in Menlo County's Main Jail on charges of lewd and lascivious acts with children and annoying children.

He also was charged with false imprisonment for a May 6 incident in which he allegedly used a harness to strap a 12-year-old boy to his bed.

[REDACTED] 10 inches tall and weighs 220 pounds, has not been charged with sexually assaulting the boy. Police Det. Ron Manuszak said Stegner allegedly derived pleasure from watching the boy struggle for 15 minutes attempting to free himself.

Three boy scouts told police that [REDACTED] forced the boy to the bed with three padlocks in the harness and watched as the boy tried to free himself, Manuszak said.

One of the three boys said [REDACTED] massaged his back and [REDACTED].

After receiving a tip from the Boy Scouts of America, police obtained a search warrant for [REDACTED] on Gilbert Avenue.

They found 30 to 40 restraint devices, more than 100 drawings of children in bondage, and a Polaroid photo of a blindfolded boy estimated to be 6 years old, who was tied to a bed, Manuszak said.

Police also found fantasy stories of children in bondage and "mountains of garbage," Manuszak said, adding that hundreds of pornographic photographs from magazines littered the apartment.

[REDACTED] boy scout supervisor for the [REDACTED] 30 years and recently has been a "scout master" or the Sea Scouts program, Manuszak said.

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San Mateo Scout leader arrested in molest case

By Stanton Samuelson
OF THE EXAMINER STAFF

REDWOOD CITY — A veteran San Mateo County Boy Scout leader who in 1971 admitted to lewd acts with three minor boys has been charged with molesting an 11-year-old boy aboard the Sea

Redwood City police said 58-year-old Ric [redacted] of Menlo Park, was booked in the county jail on charges of false imprisonment, child annoyance and child molestation.

The suspect, an electronics worker, was arrested Thursday. He's scheduled for arraignment at 1:30 p.m. Monday in Municipal Court.

The alleged incident occurred during a sleep-over May 6 by three

boys and the suspect while the Griffin was docked at Redwood City Marina.

According to Detective Ron Matuzak, the alleged victim was sleeping below deck in a bunk when [redacted] attached a harness restraint between his legs, around the torso area and head. He used small padlocks to keep him in the restraint, which was anchored to the bunk.

The two other scouts on board told police the 5-foot-10, 320-pound Stenger watched the boy struggle to get out of the harness for about 15 minutes before releasing him.

Police learned of the alleged molestation from [redacted] ex-

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Screening for volunteers

In recent years, the screening process for potential volunteers has been largely up to the private organizations sponsoring scout units. [redacted] sponsor asks an applicant to provide references and then is responsible for checking them, he said.

[redacted] has been affiliated with the county's Sea Explorer Unit, a scout group for older boys since 1975, and had been with the organization since 1971, although "not continuously." He said he did not know [redacted] references had been checked when he became a volunteer.

He declined comment as to whether the Scout Council was aware of the 1971 molestation charges 17 years ago.

County Scout Council [redacted] policy that there must be at least two boys and two adults at any scouting function.

[redacted] told me that another volunteer leader was supposed to be there. We have a very good system in place to prevent something like this, but nothing is foolproof. This got by us [redacted] said.

Earlier accusation

Council [redacted] leader, who is single, was accused in 1971 of sexually molesting three minors while living in San Carlos.

After a guilty plea, he received four years' probation, was ordered not to associate with anyone under 18 and was told to participate in "psychotherapy as long as the probation officer feels it necessary." He also was fined \$500.

Police said that when they searched [redacted] week, they found [redacted] with straps, hundreds of photographs and drawings of juveniles in bondage, leather, nylon and rope restraints, and a bedroom filled with a 6-foot pile of garbage.

August 11, 1977

*Deputy Sheriff
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[REDACTED] or
Registration & Subscription Service
National Office, BSA
North Brunswick, N J 08902

RE: [REDACTED]

Dear Paul:

The two years that [REDACTED] has been registered with the Sea
[REDACTED] he has performed very capably.
The sponsoring institution, the Ship Committee and our Exploring Division
have been very satisfied that he is worthy of registration and the original
statements by his Psychiatrist, etc. regarding his rehabilitation were
correct.

I have watched very closely his performance the past two years, and based
upon that and the above, we do recommend that he maintain his registration
with the Ship.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Scout Executive

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cc: JH [REDACTED]

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August 11, 1977

Deputy Sheriff
in State MATEO

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Registration & Subscription Service
National Office, BSA
North Brunswick, N J 08902

RE: [REDACTED] Richard C. Stenger, Jr.

Dear Paul: [REDACTED]

The two years [REDACTED] registered with the Sea
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The sponsoring institution, the Ship Committee and our Exploring Division
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[REDACTED]
Scout Executive

HPK:dl

cc: [REDACTED]

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Belmont Kiwanis

July 29, 1977

[REDACTED]
Scout Executive
San Mateo Council, No. 20

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]:

You may recall the correspondence you and I had in July 1975, in regard to the above Scouter.

Upon your recommendation [REDACTED] was approved on a two year probationary basis, with the agreement that there would be a review of his character and leadership performance at the end of the probationary period.

The time of this probationary period has ended and it is now necessary to have a new report on this man for possible removal of his name from the Confidential File. Would you please be good enough to write us a letter giving us your current approval of this individual and we would appreciate it if you would please be as definite as possible with regard to any significant evidence in support of your recommendation. Thanks very much.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Registration & Subscription Service

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July 29, 1977

[REDACTED]
Scout Executive
San Mateo Council, No.20

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]:

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Registration & Staffing Service

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SCOUTING/USA

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August 27, 1976

[REDACTED]
Exploring Director
San Mateo Co. Council, No.20

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
Re [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]:

Thank you for your letter of August 16, concerning the above Scouter.
We will write you in approximately a year for a final report on this
man, and, with your recommendation for possible removal of his name
from the Confidential File.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Registration & Subscription Service

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August 27, 1976

Exploring Director
San Mateo Co. Council, No.20

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Thank you for your letter of August 16, concerning the above Scouter.
We will write you in approximately a year for a final report on this
man, and, with your recommendation for possible removal of his name
from the Confidential File.

Sincerely,


Registration & Subscription Service

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August 18, 1978

[REDACTED] Director
Registration & Subscription Service
National Office, BSA
North Brunswick, N J 08902

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Re: [REDACTED] 61

[REDACTED]
Per your request of July 30, 1978, I met with the committee of Ship 161 to discuss [REDACTED] progress this past year.

The consensus of the committee is that there have been no problems and that his service to the ship has been of an exemplary nature.

I will continue to monitor the situation during the next year and hopefully at the end of that time we can remove [REDACTED] from his probationary status.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Exploring Director

EW:dl

cc [REDACTED]

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August 18, 1976

[REDACTED] Director
Registration & Subscription Service
National Office, BSA
North Brunswick, N J 08902

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Re: [REDACTED] S/W 5181

Dear [REDACTED]

Per your request of July 28, 1976, I met with the committee of [REDACTED] progress this past year.

The consensus of the committee is that there have been no problems and that his service to the ship has been of an exemplary nature.

I will continue to monitor the situation during the next year and hopefully at the end of that time we can remove [REDACTED] from his probationary status.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Exploring Director

EW:dl

cc: [REDACTED]

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National Office—Boy Scouts of America

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Telephone: 201 249-8000
TWX 710-480-6262

July 30, 1976

[REDACTED]
Scout Executive
San Mateo County Co. No.20

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Re [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]:

You may recall the correspondence you and I had approximately a year ago in regard to the above Scouter.

[REDACTED] was approved on a two year probationary basis.

Since one year has elapsed, we would appreciate it if you would be good enough to write us a letter regarding this man's character and leadership performance.

Thanks very much.

Sincerely,

Paul [REDACTED] Director
Registration and [REDACTED] on Service

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SCOUTING/USA

National Office—Boy Scouts of America

North Brunswick, New Jersey 08902

Telephone: 201 245-8000

TWX 710-80-8282

July 30, 1976

[REDACTED]
Scout Executive
San Mateo County Co. No.20

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Re [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

You may recall the correspondence you and I had approximately a year ago in regard to the above Scouter.

[REDACTED] tion was approved on a two year probationary basis.

Since one year has elapsed, we would appreciate it if you would be good enough to write us a letter regarding this man's character and leadership performance.

Thanks very much.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Registration & Subscription Service

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July 25, 1975

M. [REDACTED]
Scout Executive
San Mateo County Council, No. 20

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] Stenger
[REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of July 14 and the attached material in support of the registration of [REDACTED]. We have carefully checked all of these documents and are willing to register [REDACTED] Stenger on a two-year probation period.

Each year we will write to you asking for a report [REDACTED] otherwise. This report will also be the deciding factor in our decision to remove the file completely.

We appreciate the careful documentation which was made in relation to this situation. We do feel, however, that we must always exercise careful judgment and, therefore, are asking that the two-year probationary period not be waived.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Registration & Subscription Service

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